MySQL Replication, the Community Sceptic Roundup

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SKEPTIC?

skeptik/ ⊕

noun: sceptic

- a person inclined to question or doubt all accepted opinions. synonyms: cynic, doubter
- PHILOSOPHY
 an ancient or modern philosopher who denies the possibility of knowledge, or even rational belief, in some sphere.

SKEPTIC?

Features are announced.

But not always they are usable.

We verify every claim.

Supporting material and software

http://bit.ly/my-rep-samples

(or check 'datacharmer' on GitHub)

Summary

What will we see in this session

- The concepts of Replication
- Why monitoring matters
- Global Transaction Identifiers
- Multi source replication
- Parallel replication

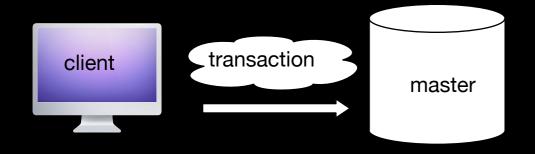
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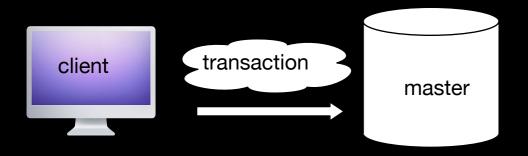
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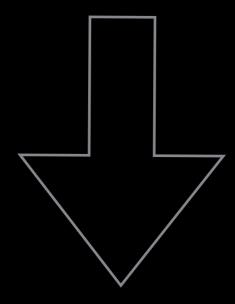


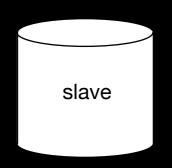
Part 1 - MySQL Replication in a nutshell



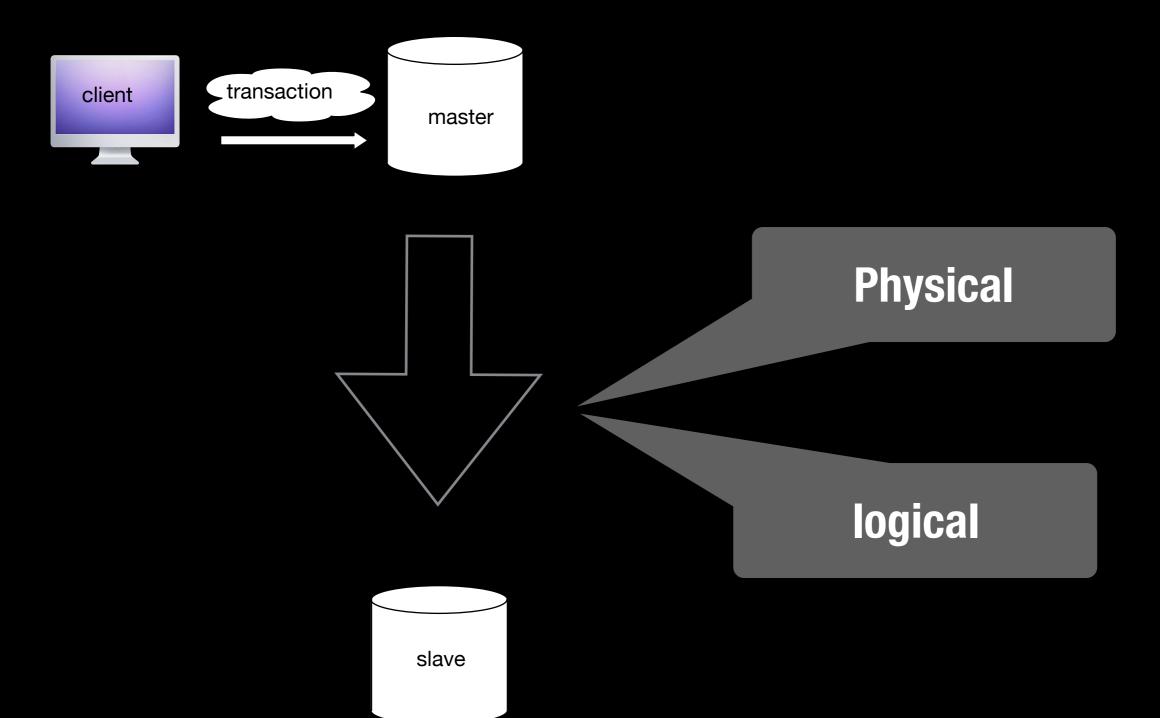




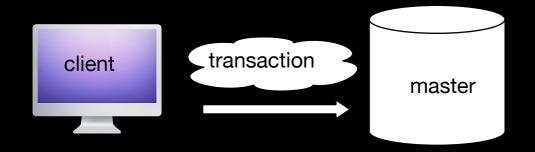


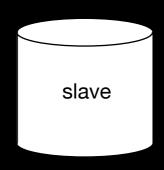




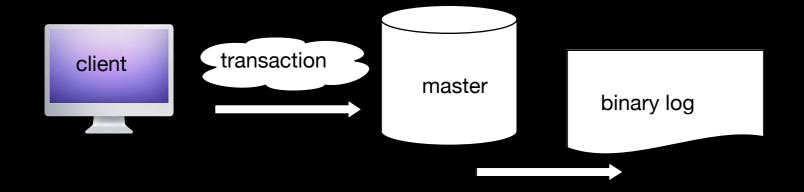


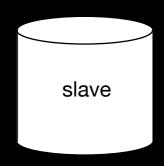


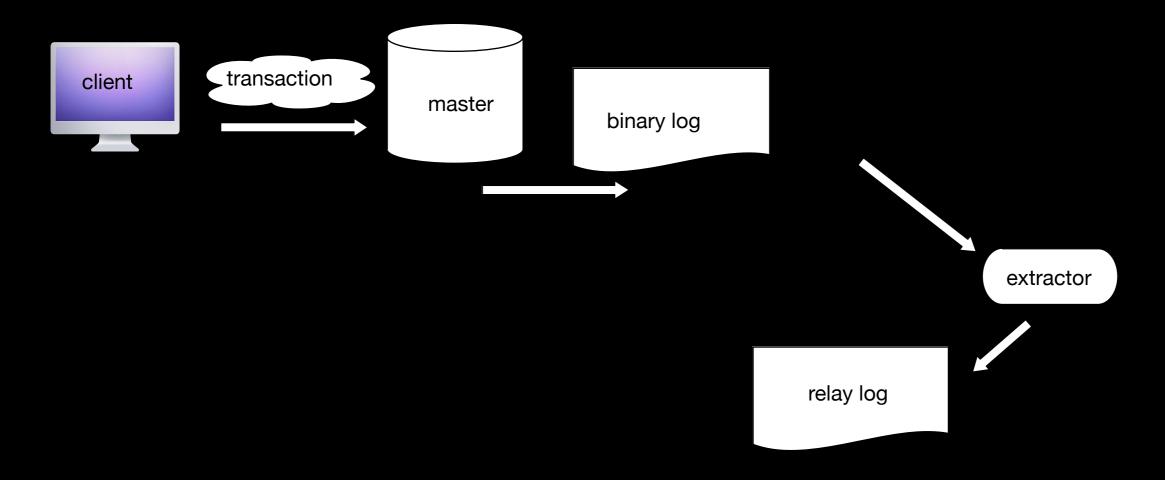


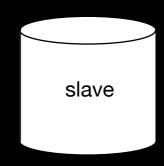




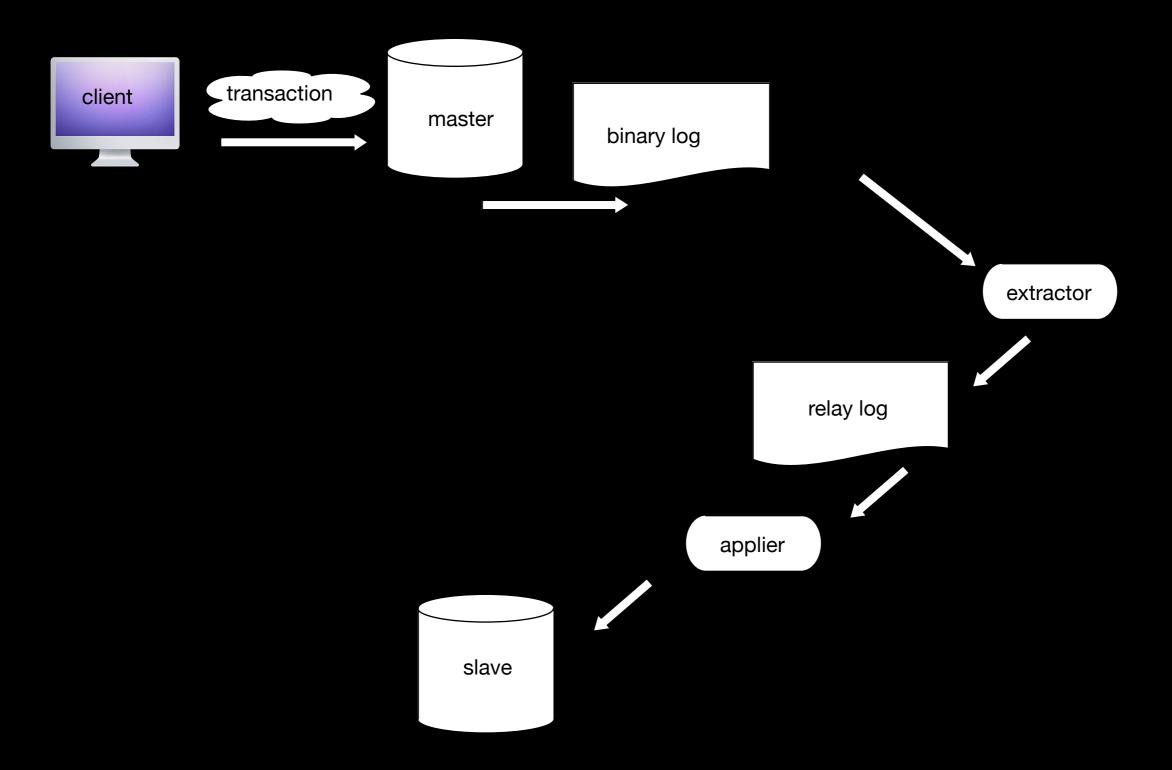


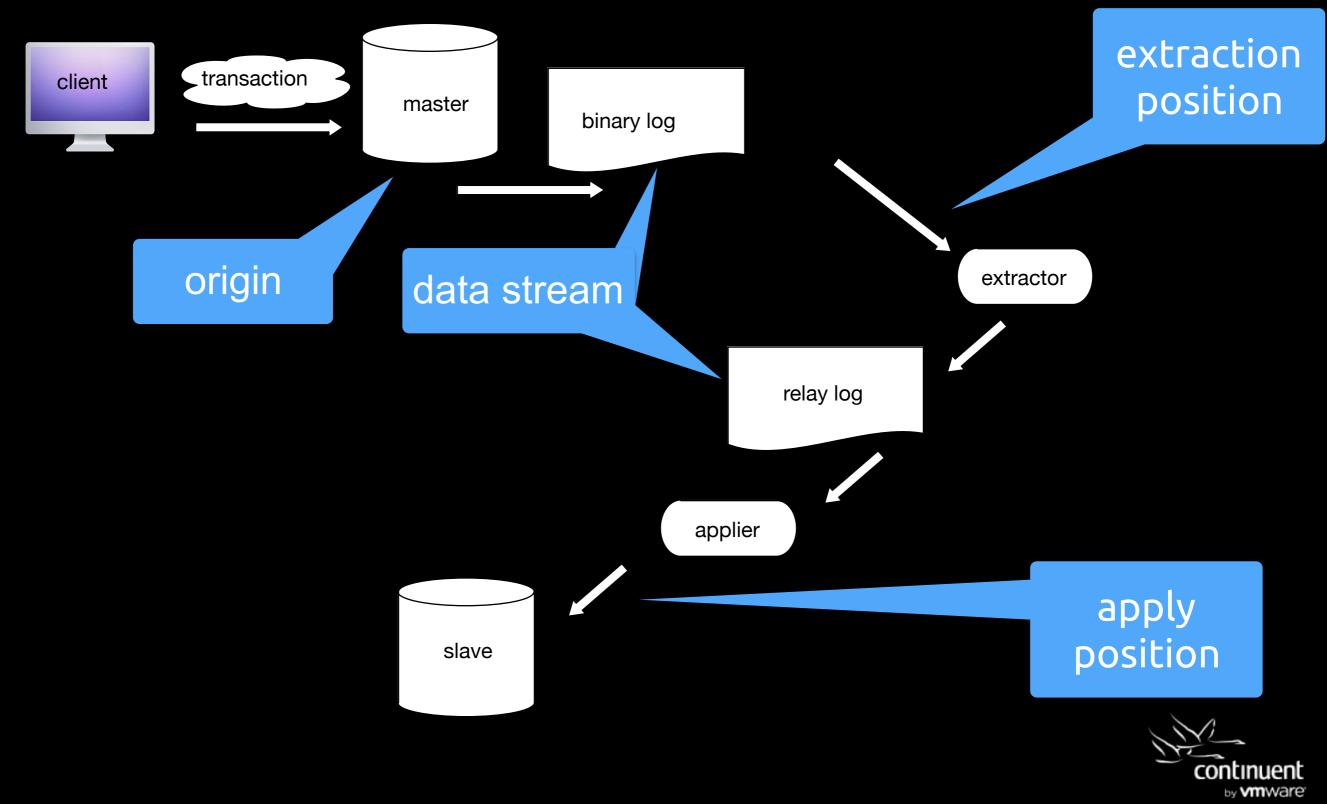


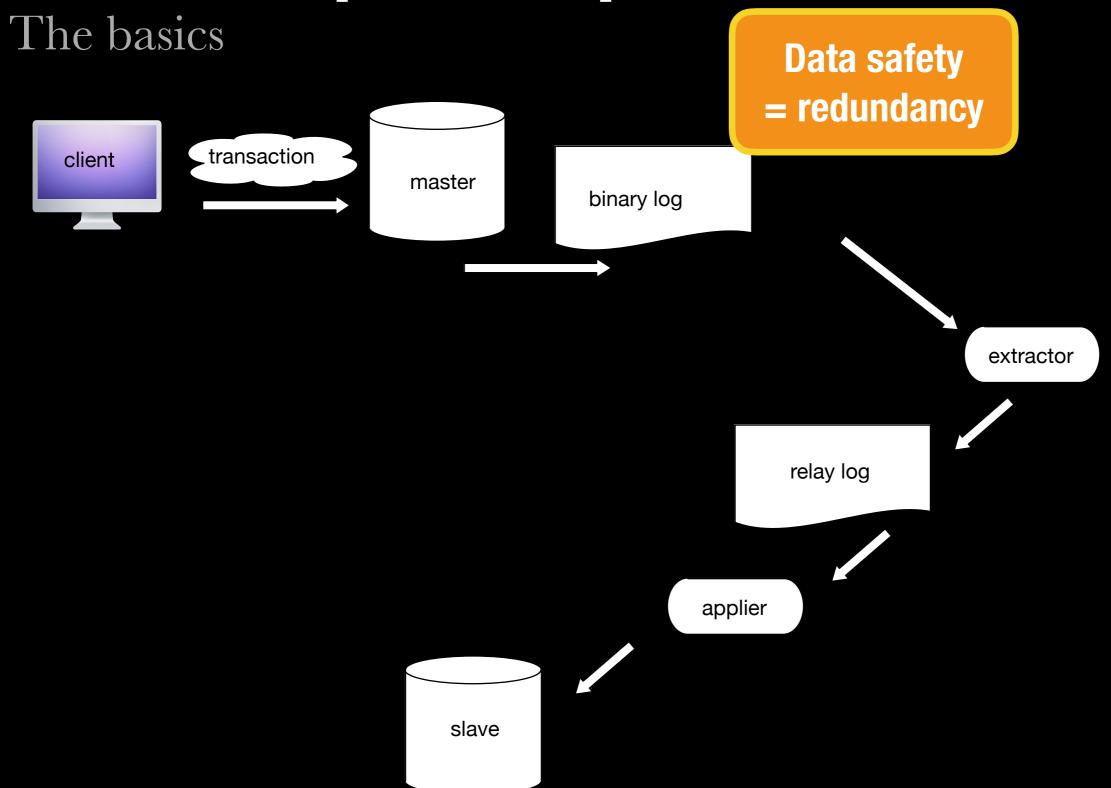


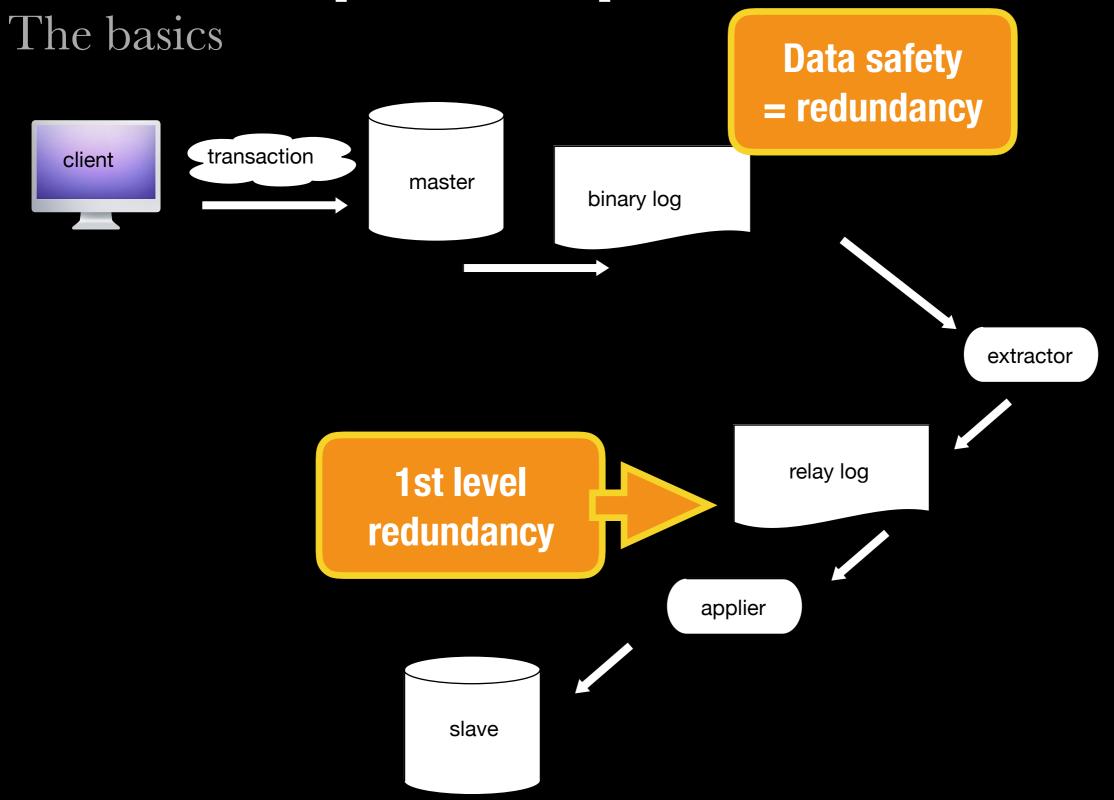


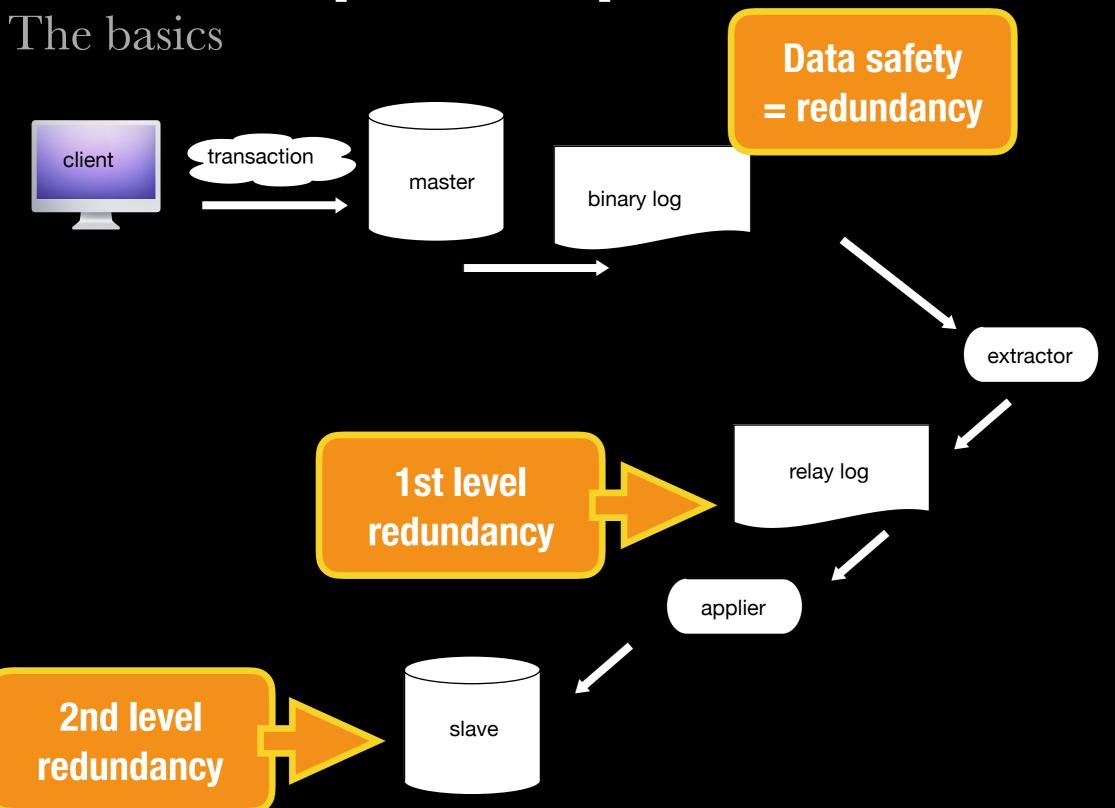












Focus on monitoring

Why we will see lots of monitoring concepts

- Monitoring tells you if replication is working properly
- It also show us how some features work
- If we can see the data moving, we understand it better

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The most important reason:

- Replication will fail, sooner or later.
- Good monitoring metadata is what can tell you what the problem is

There is more than one way of knowing if replication is working

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The simplest, system-independent method of testing replication

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- 7. Make sure it was also deleted in the slave

Sentinel data: what is it and isn't Caveats

- It tells you if replication CAN work
- It won't tell you if replication works ALWAYS
- It won't tell you if all your data is replicated

Objectives of monitoring:

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- 5. Checking that the slave is keeping up with the master

How monitoring works

To monitor effectively, we need to cover all bases

- We need to know:
 - who the master is
 - what the master is doing
 - what the slave is doing
- And then compare what we have got

Who is the master?

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```
mysql> show master status\G
    **************************
    File: mysql-bin.000003
    Position: 5149170
    Binlog_Do_DB:
    Binlog_Ignore_DB:
    1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

What is the slave doing?

This means, usually, running "SHOW SLAVE STATUS"

```
SHOW SLAVE STATUS\G
Master Host: 127.0.0.1
Master Port: 22786
Master Log File: mysql-bin.000003
Read Master Log Pos: 5149170
Relay Log Pos: 2060153
Relay Master Log File: mysql-bin.000003
Slave IO Running: Yes
Slave SQL Running: Yes
Exec Master Log Pos: 2060007
Relay Log Space: 5149528
```

Latency

Are you catching up?

- Delta between
 - Time of commit in the master
 - Time of apply in the slave
- Can be measured with a simple sentinel system
 - 1. Insert a high res timestamp in the master
 - 2. Retrieve the record from the slave
 - 3. Measure the interval
 - 4. Subtract the commit time.

Status persistence

Assume your servers will fail. Prepare for it

Problem:

 When server crashes and resumes, replication status on file may not be in sync

Solution:

- Crash-safe slave tables
- Replication status is kept in the database

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- If you have filters, your slave CAN'T become master.

Checksum probes: have you got it all?

Checking that replicas have the right data is a sound idea

- total probes (expensive: may stop or slow down operations)
- incremental probes (take long time, but have low impact on operations)
- Many methods. A popular one is pt-table-checksum from Percona Toolkit



Global Transaction Identifiers

Transactions blues

You think you know where your transactions are ... until something unexpected happens

Problem:

- MySQL replication identifies transactions with a combination of binary log file name and offset position;
- When using many possible masters, file names and positions may differ.
- Practical cases: failover, circular replication, hierarchical replication
- Solution: use a global ID, not related to the file name and position

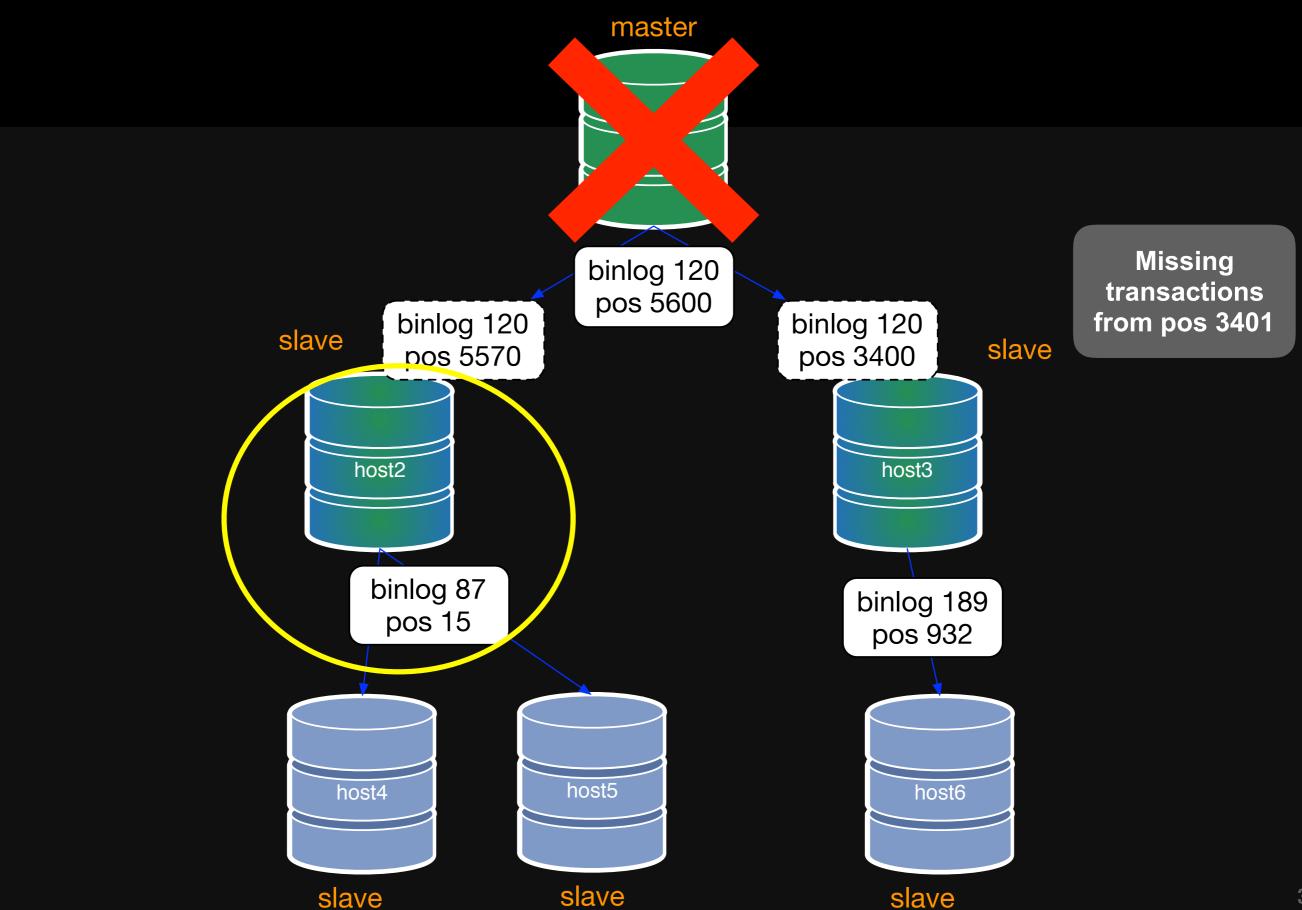
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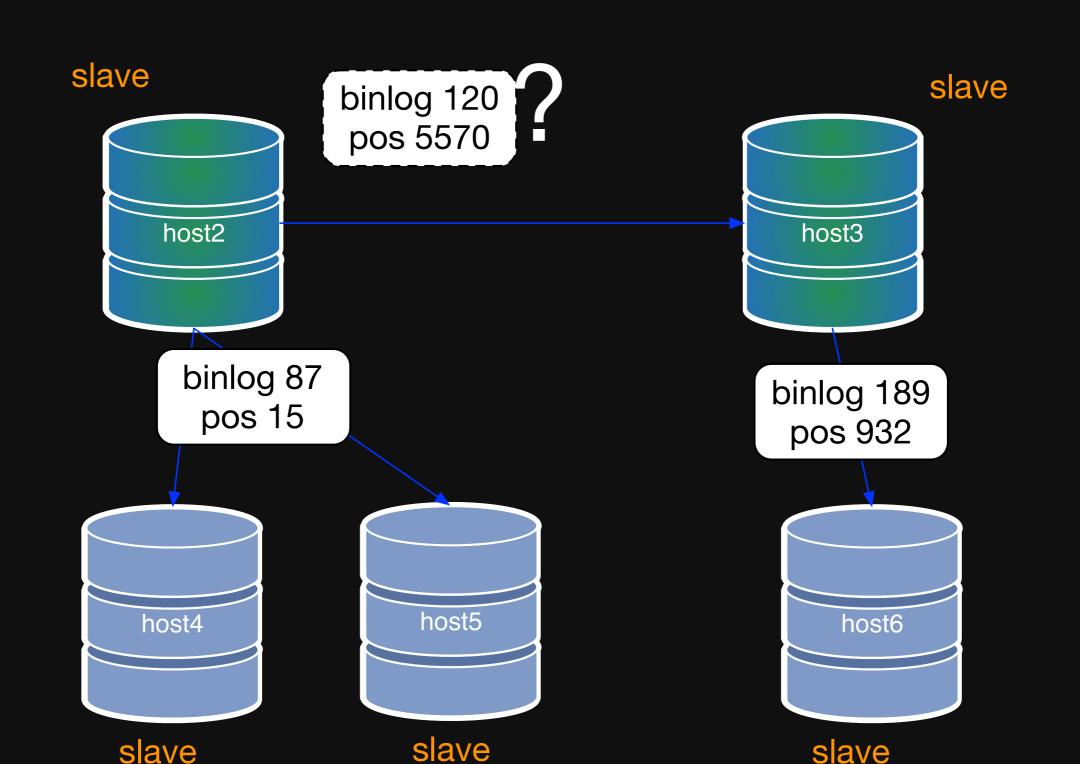
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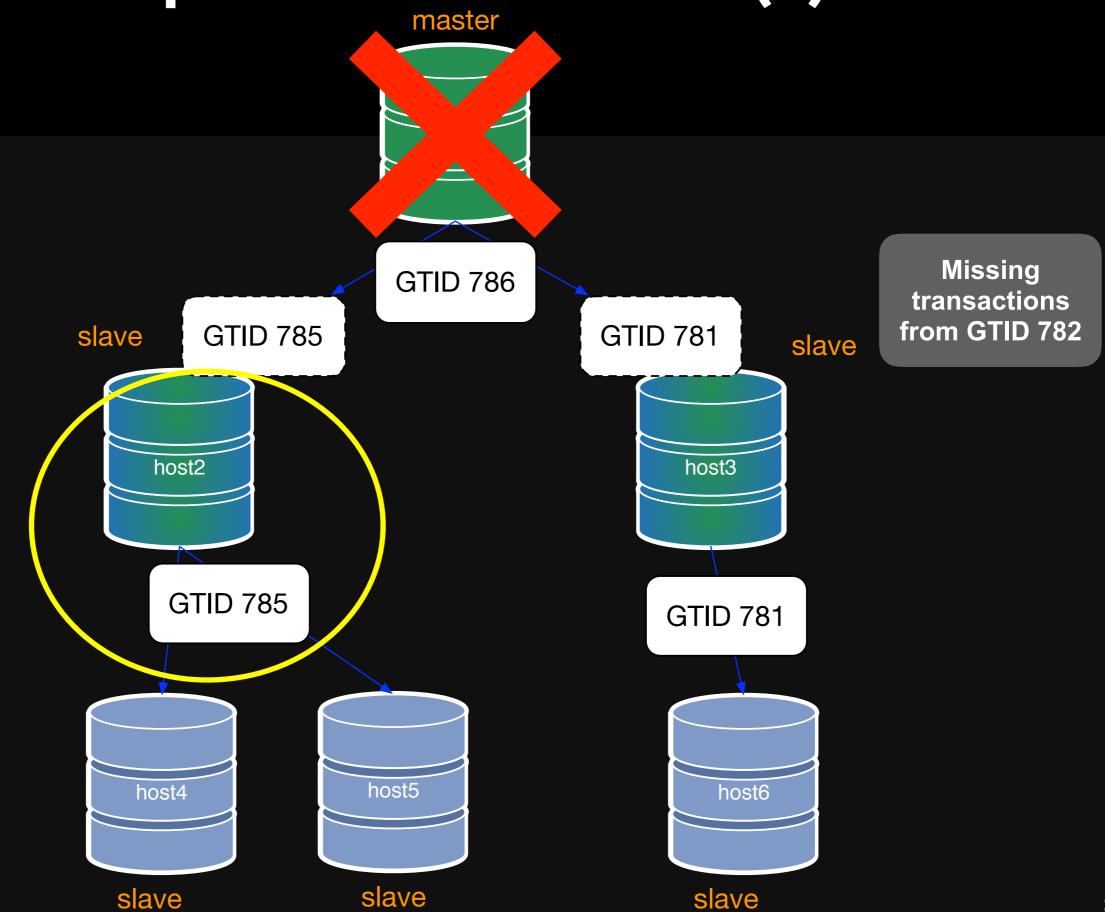
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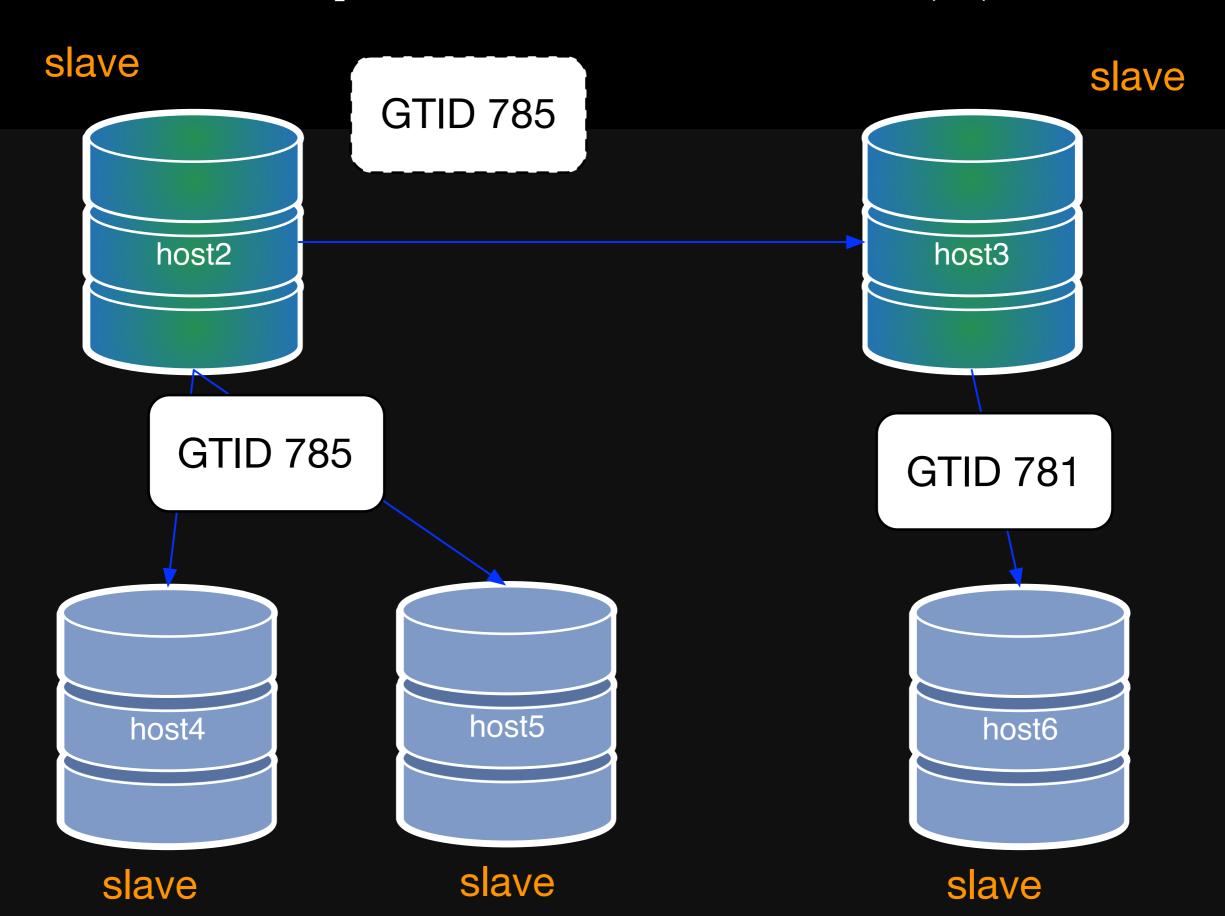
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Transaction problem with GTID (3)



Implementation: (1) MySQL 5.6 & 5.7

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- Made of server UUID + transaction ID
 - (e.g.: "e8679838-b832-11e3-b3fc-017f7cee3849:1")
- Only transactional engines
- No "create table ... select ..." supported
- No temporary tables within transactions
- Requires log-slave-updates in all nodes (removed in 5.7)

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- The good
 - GTID are easily parseable by scripts in the binlog
 - Failover and transaction tracking are easier
- The bad
 - Not enabled by default
 - Hard to read for humans!
 - Little integration between GTID and existing software (ignored in crash-safe tables, parallel replication)
 - makes log-slave updates mandatory (only in 5.6)

GTID in MySQL 5.7.6+

Something was changed ...

- GTID can now be enabled dynamically.
- However, it requires a 9 (NINE!) steps procedure.
- http://mysqlhighavailability.com/enabling-gtidswithout-downtime-in-mysql-5-7-6/

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Note: we have two pieces of information:

- * retrieved
- * executed

MySQL 5.7: What you see in the slave

No GTID info in mysql.slave_relay_log_info

```
select * from slave relay log info\G
Number of lines: 7
  Relay log name: ./mysql-relay.000002
   Relay log pos: 1246
 Master log name: mysql-bin.000001
  Master log pos: 1033
      Sql delay: 0
Number of workers: 0
            Id: 1
    Channel name:
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

More on this topic when we discuss monitoring

Implementation (2) MariaDB 10

A well thought feature, with some questionable choices

- Made of domain ID+server ID + number
 - e.g. (0-101-10)
- Enabled by default
- Uses a crash-safe table
- No limitations
- Lack of integration with old replication coordinates.

MariaDB 10.0: What you see in the master

```
show master status\G
         File: mysql-bin.000001
      Position: 3139
   Binlog Do DB:
Binlog Ignore DB:
show variables like '%gtid%pos';
 _____+
 Variable name | Value
 ______
gtid binlog pos | 0-1-14 |
gtid current pos | 0-1-14 |
gtid slave pos |
```

Note: we have only one piece of information:

* IO_Pos (= retrieved)

```
select * from mysql.gtid_slave_pos;
+-----+
| domain_id | sub_id | server_id | seq_no |
+-----+
| 0 | 13 | 1 | 13 |
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Monitoring (MySQL 5.6+ - MariaDB 10)

The new trend: using tables to monitor

All replication data should be now in tables

- Both MySQL and MariaDB 10 can monitor replication using tables.
- But not all data is available

MySQL 5.6 crash-safe tables

There are tables that can replace files, and SHOW statements ... up to a point

- up to 5.5:
 - SQL in the slave
 - show slave status

- SQL in the master
 - show master status

- **▶** 5.6 & 5.7:
 - Tables in the slave
 - slave_master_info
 - slave_relay_log_info
 - slave_worker_info
 - performance_schema (5.7)
 - SQL in the master
 - show master status
 - select @@global.gtid_executed

MySQL tables

Very detailed, but designed in different stages

- One table replaces the file master.info
- Another replaces relay-log.info
- They were designed before introducing GTID
- There is NO GTID in these tables
- They are NOT updated continuously

MySQL 5.7 additional tables in the slave

Performance Schema helps with monitoring

- replication_applier_configuration
- replication_applier_status
- replication_applier_status_by_coordinator
- replication_applier_status_by_worker
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Despite all these tables, not all info from SHOW SLAVE STATUS is available

MariaDB 10 crash-safe tables

A complete redesign of the monitoring system, integrated with GTID

- up to 5.5:
 - **SQL** in the slave
 - show slave status

- SQL in the master
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- **▶** 10.0
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 - gtid_slave_pos

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```
select * from mysql.slave master info\G
Number of lines: 25
     Master log name: mysql-bin.000001
      Master log pos: 154
               Host: 172.17.0.2
           User name: rdocker
       User password: rdocker
               Port: 3306
       Connect retry: 60
         Enabled ssl: 0
[...]
          Heartbeat: 30
   Ignored server ids: 0
               Uuid: f4c64510-ff4c-11e5-80f9-0242ac110002
         Retry count: 86400
```

in the performance_schema database

```
select * from replication applier configuration\G
CHANNEL NAME:
DESIRED DELAY: 0
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
select * from replication applier status\G
CHANNEL NAME:
        SERVICE STATE: ON
       REMAINING DELAY: NULL
COUNT TRANSACTIONS RETRIES: 0
```

in the performance_schema database

```
select * from replication applier status by coordinator\G
Empty set (0.00 sec)
select * from replication connection configuration\G
                CHANNEL NAME:
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                         PORT: 3306
                         USER: rdocker
            NETWORK INTERFACE:
                AUTO POSITION: 1
                  SSL ALLOWED: NO
[ ...]
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in the performance_schema database

```
select * from replication connection status\G
CHANNEL NAME:
             GROUP NAME:
            SOURCE UUID: f4c64510-ff4c-11e5-80f9-0242ac110002
             THREAD ID: 33
          SERVICE STATE: ON
COUNT RECEIVED HEARTBEATS: 12
LAST HEARTBEAT TIMESTAMP: 2016-04-10 18:55:56
RECEIVED TRANSACTION SET: f4c64510-ff4c-11e5-80f9-0242ac110002:1-4
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Monitoring and GTID demo



Multi-source replication

What is it?

The dream of every DBA is to have a group of database servers that behave like a single server

- Traditional replication allows master/slave and chain replication (a.k.a. circular or ring)
- Up to MySQL 5.6, a slave cannot have more than one master.
- Multi source is the ability of replicating from more than one master at once.
- Implemented in Tungsten Replicator (2009), MySQL 5.7 (2015), MariaDB 10 (2013).

Implementation (1) MySQL 5.7

Introduced in MySQL 5.7.7

- New syntax: CHANGE MASTER TO ... FOR CHANNEL "name"
- SHOW SLAVE STATUS FOR CHANNEL "name"
- START/STOP SLAVE FOR CHANNEL "name"
- Includes replication tables in performance_schema
- Requires GTID and crash-safe tables to be enabled

MySQL 5.7 example

Setting several channels

```
CHANGE MASTER TO
    MASTER HOST='foo.example.com', MASTER PORT=3306,
    MASTER USER='repl user',
    MASTER PASSWORD= 'repl pass',
    MASTER AUTO POSITION=1
    for channel 'sl foo';
START SLAVE for channel 'sl foo';
CHANGE MASTER TO
    MASTER HOST='bar.example.com', MASTER PORT=3306,
    MASTER USER='repl user',
    MASTER PASSWORD='repl pass',
    MASTER AUTO POSITION=1
    for channel 'sl bar'
START SLAVE for channel 'sl bar';
```

implementation (2): MariaDB 10

Now GA, the multi source was well planned and executed

- New syntax "CHANGE MASTER "name" ..."
- START/STOP/RESET SLAVE "name"
- ▶ SHOW SLAVE "name" STATUS
- SHOW ALL SLAVES STATUS

MariaDB 10.1 example

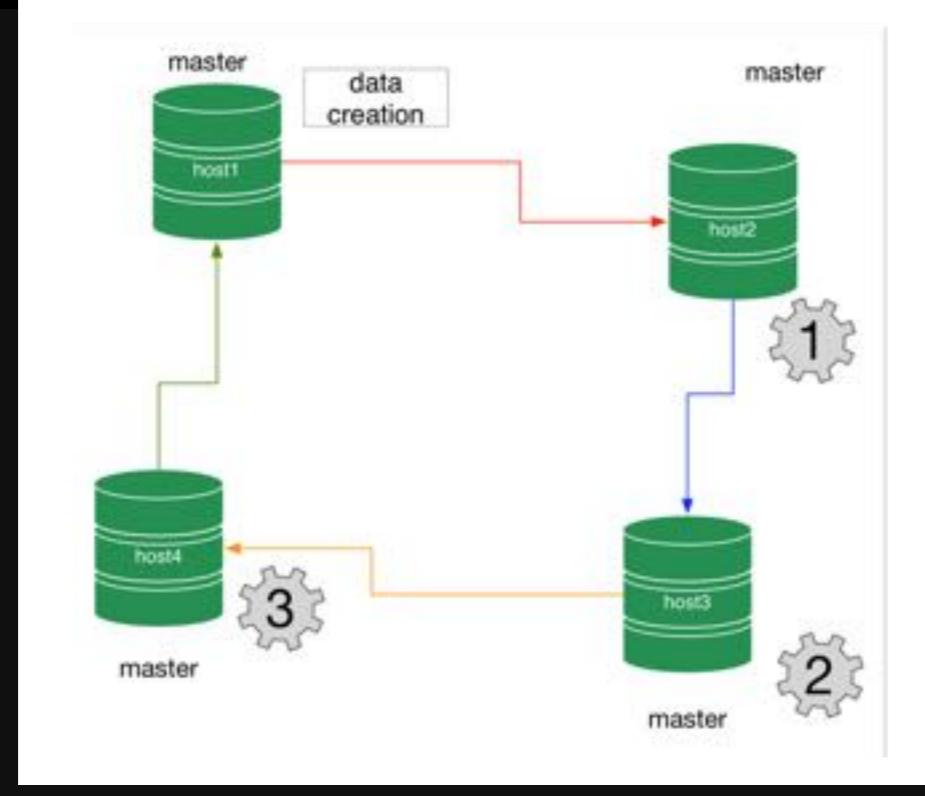
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    MASTER USE GTID=current pos;
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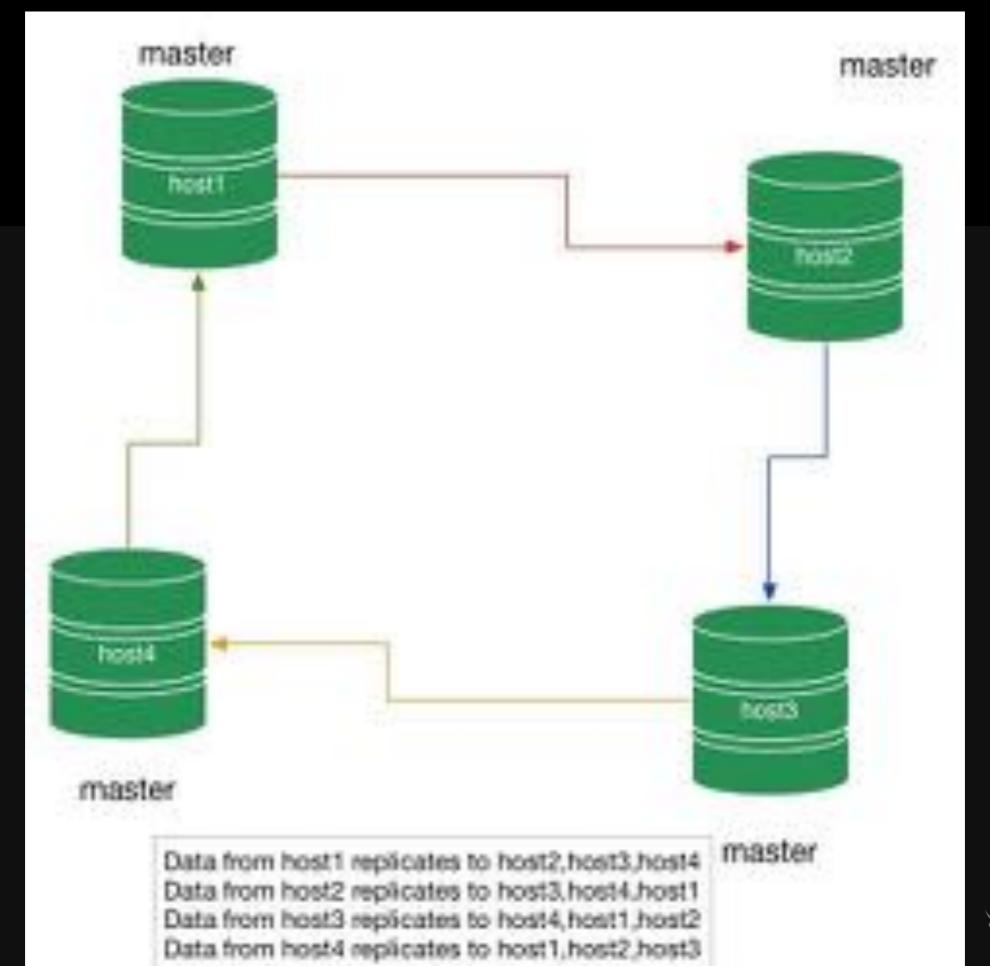
Full slave replay (circular)

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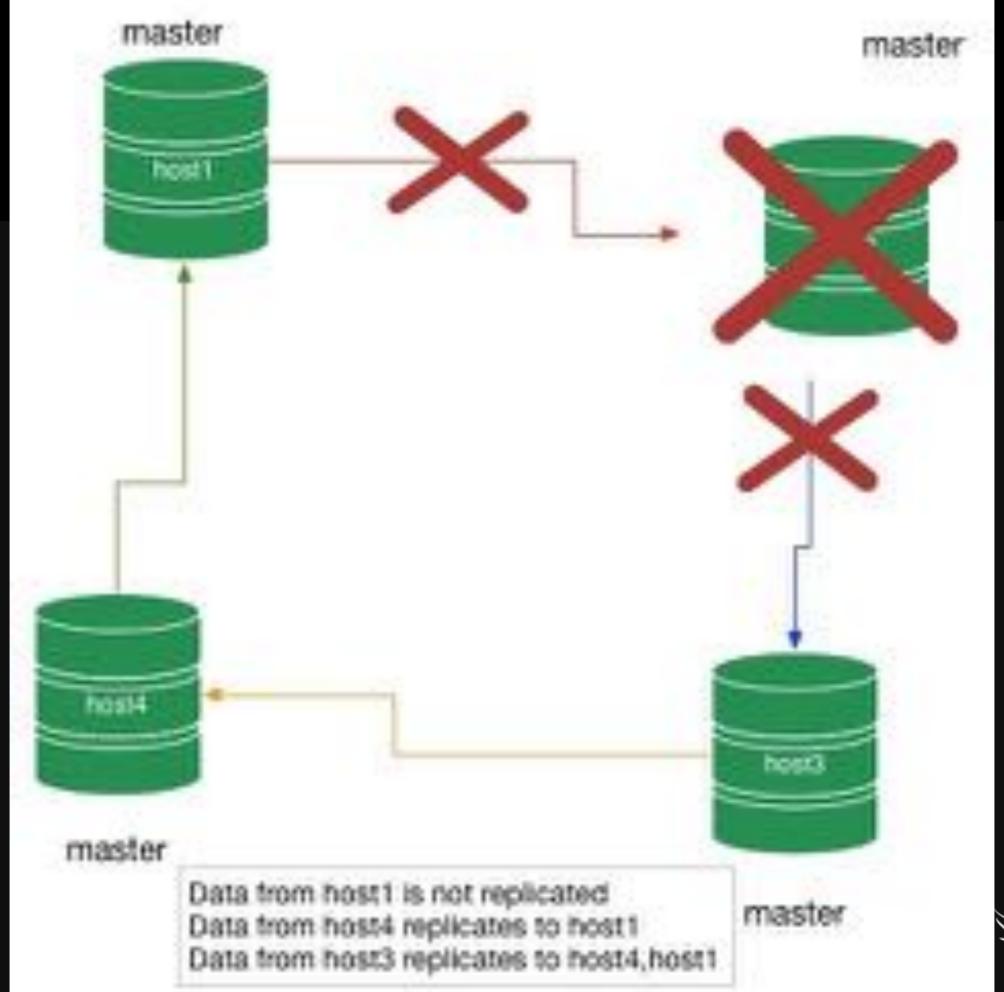
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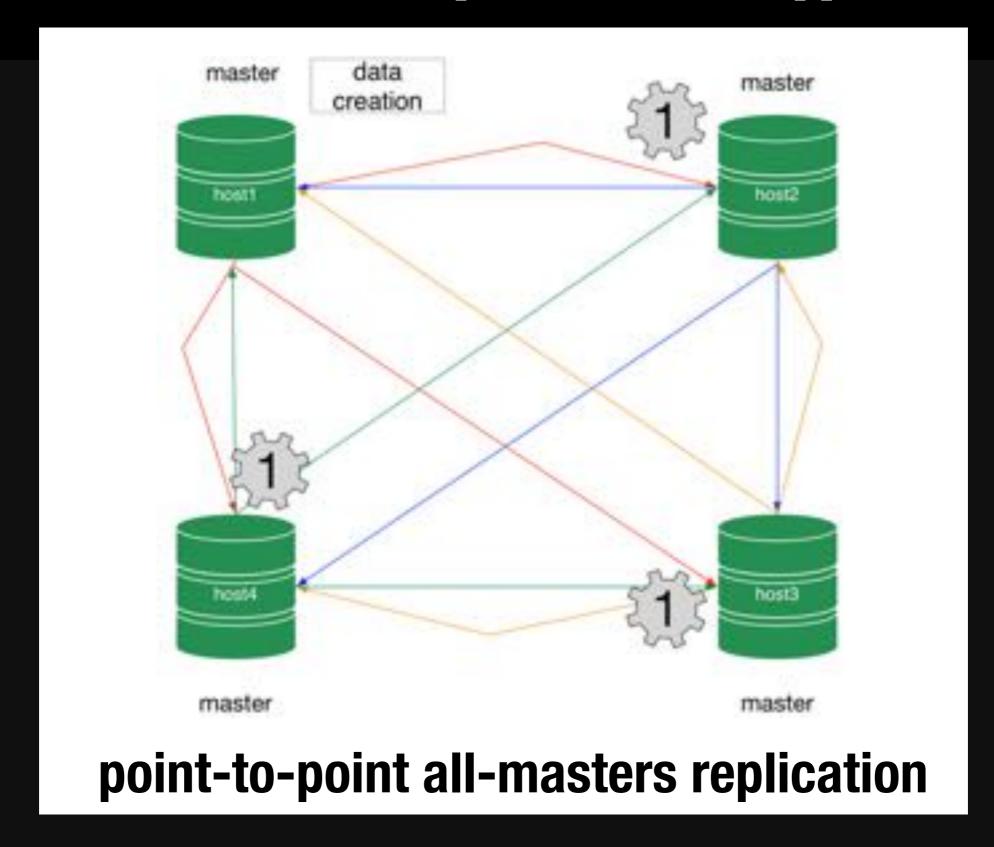
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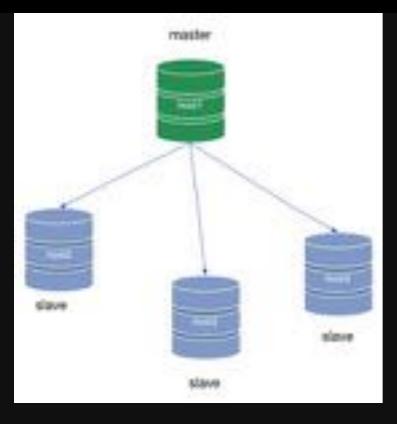
Point-to-point replication

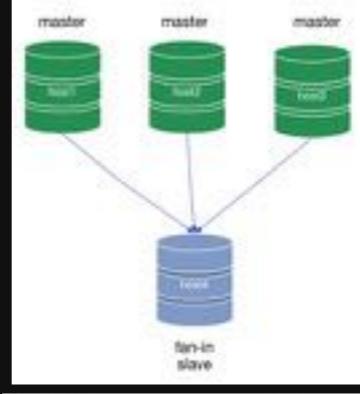
Allows data flow where the replicated data is applied only once

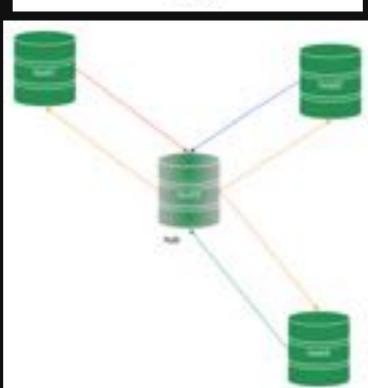


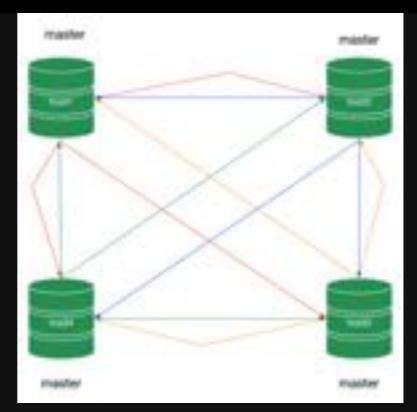
Creating replication topologies

When you can do multi-source replication, your perception of the world changes



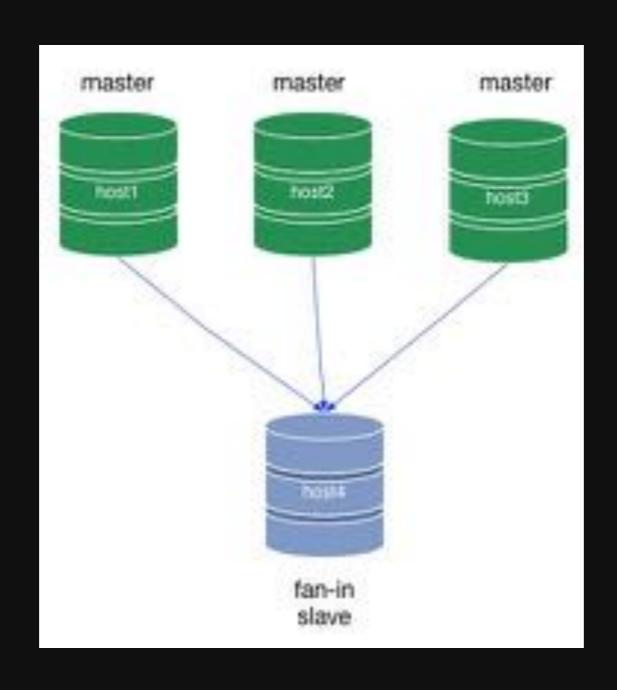






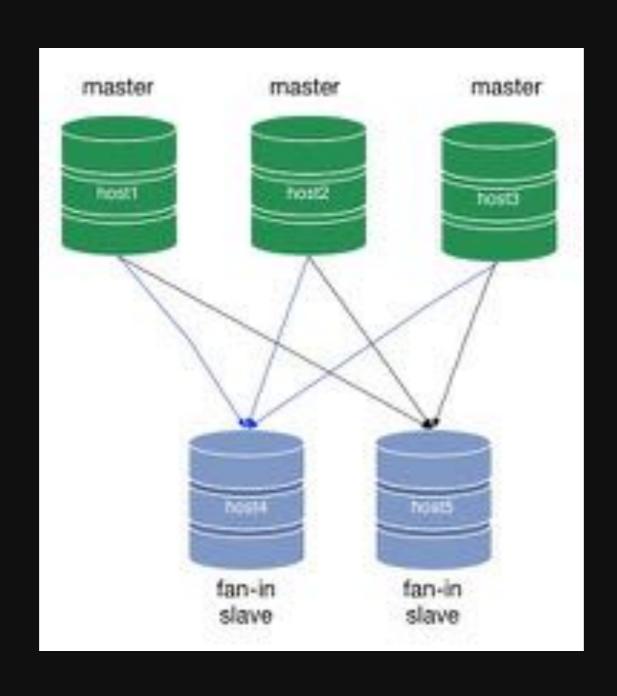
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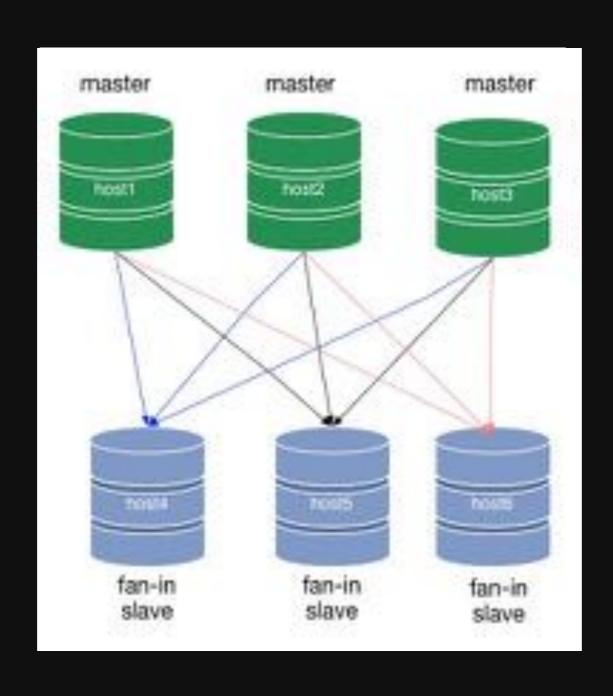
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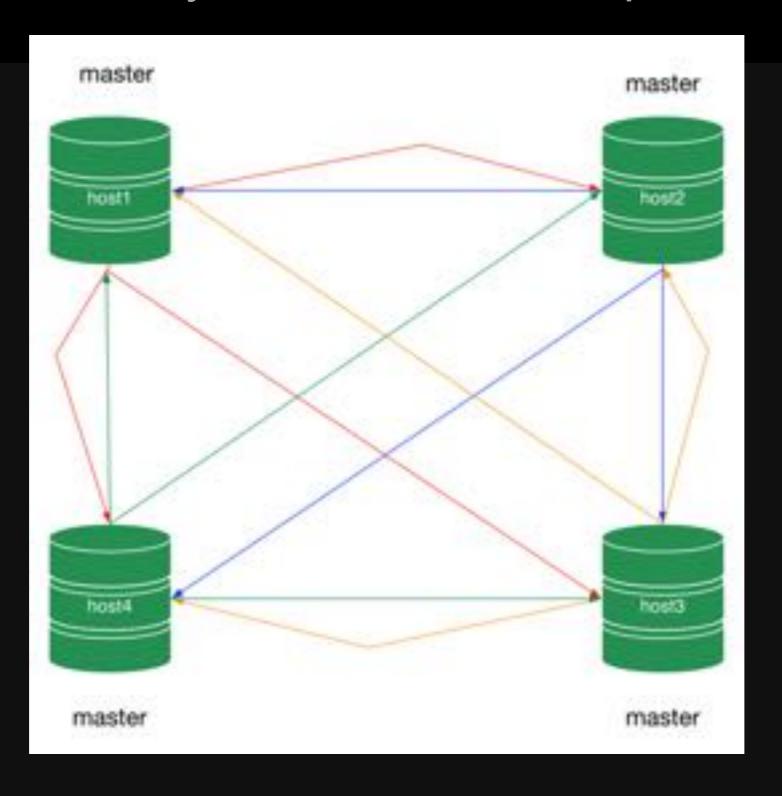
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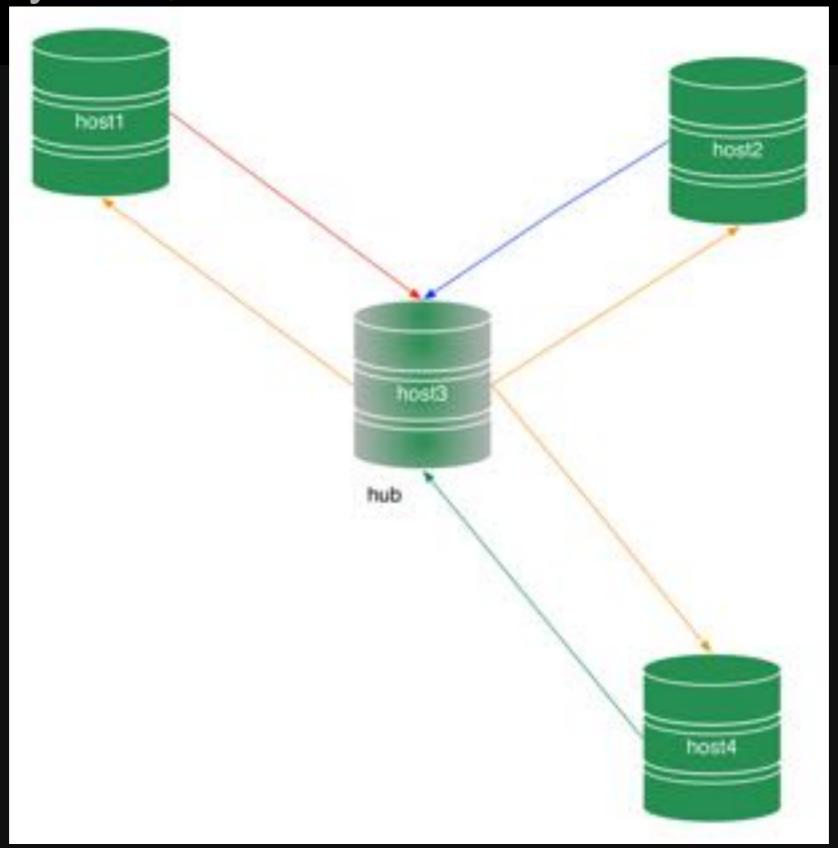
All masters point-to-point topology

The most crowded, yet most efficient replication system

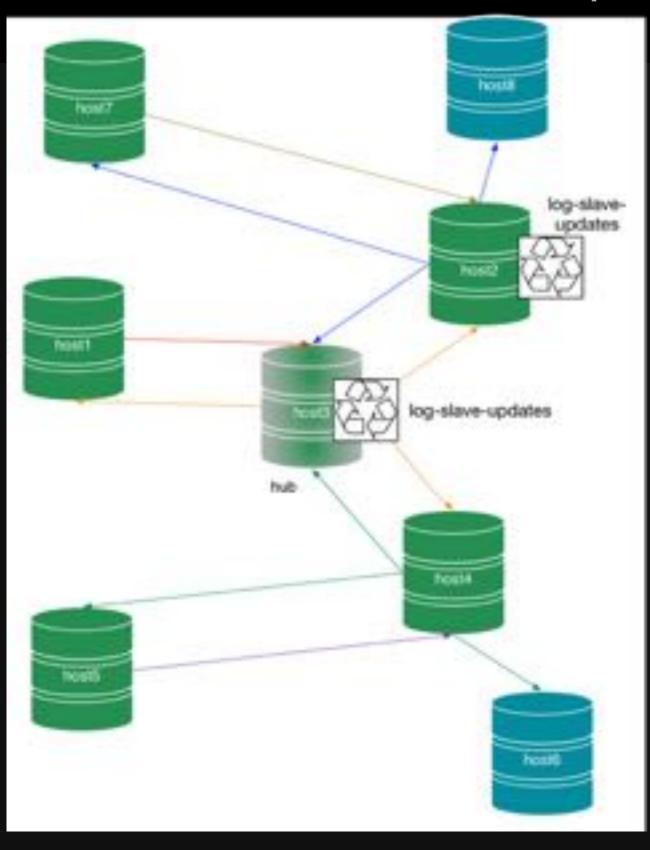


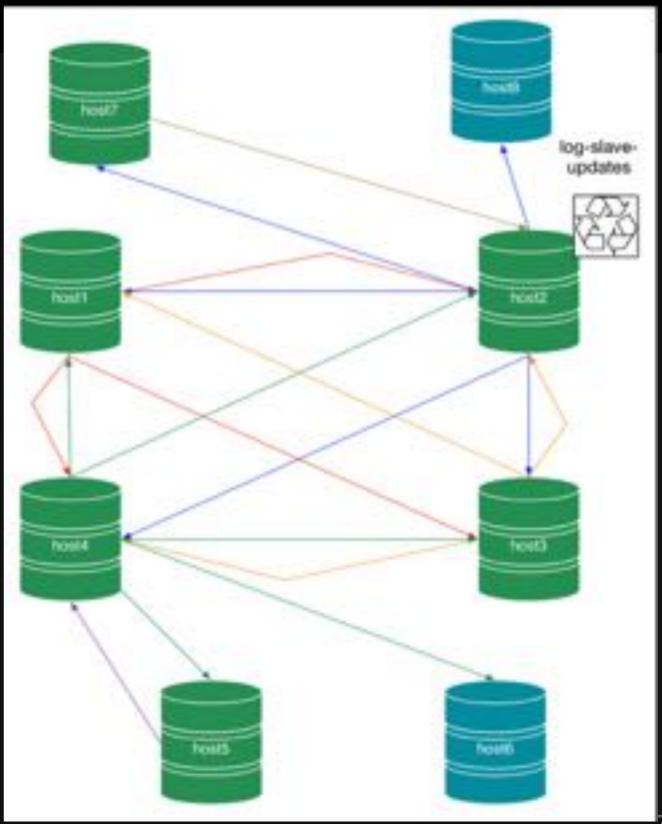
Star topology

A thin deployment, with a SPOF

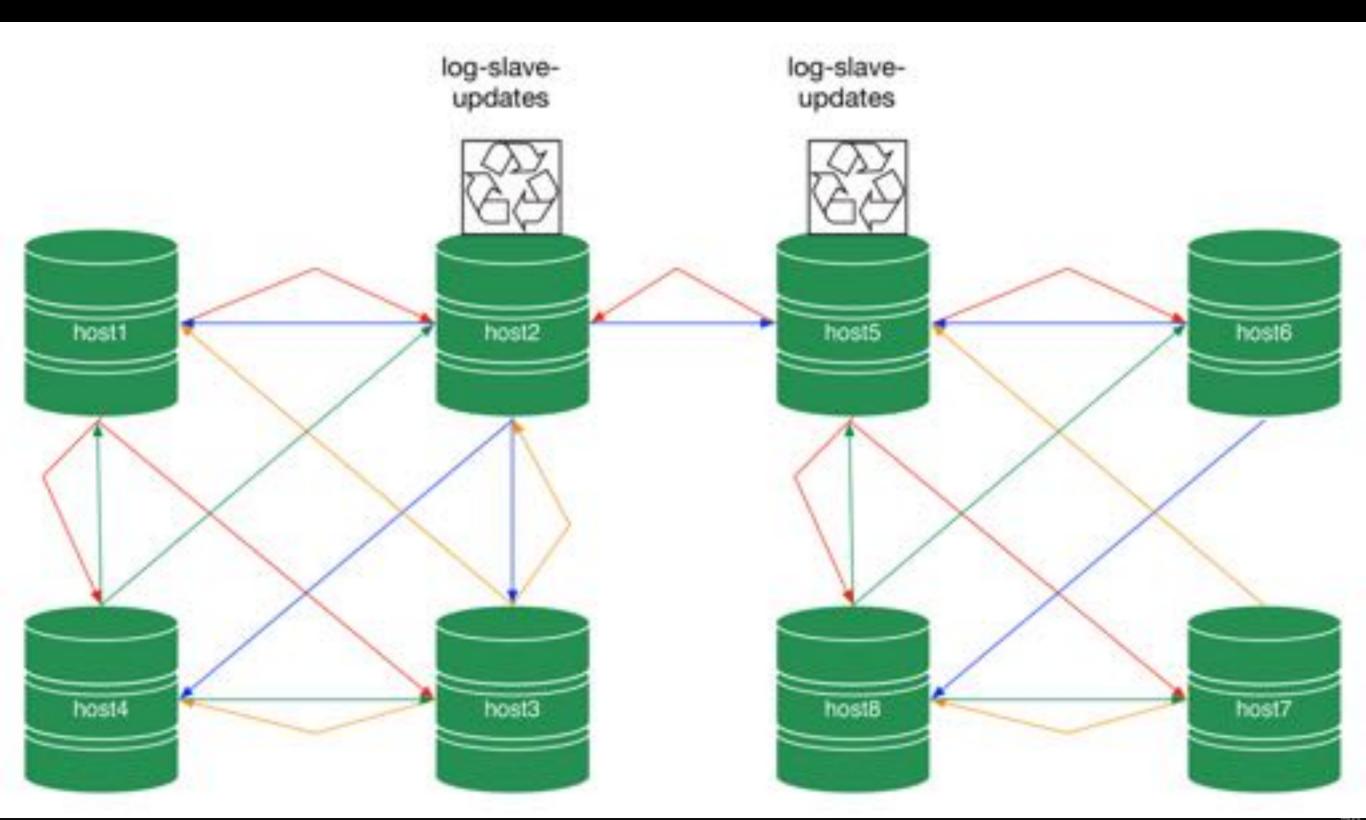


You can enhance star or point-to-point topologies

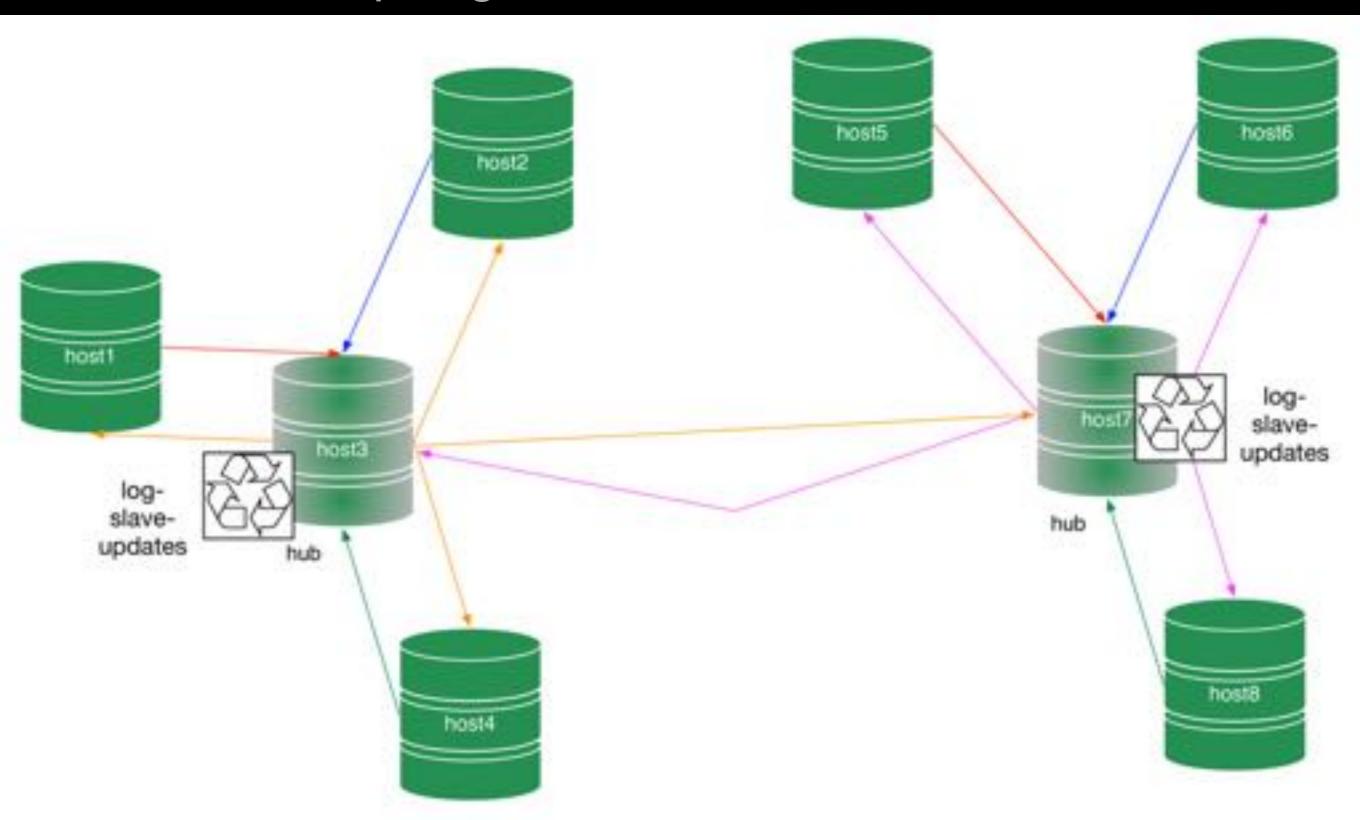




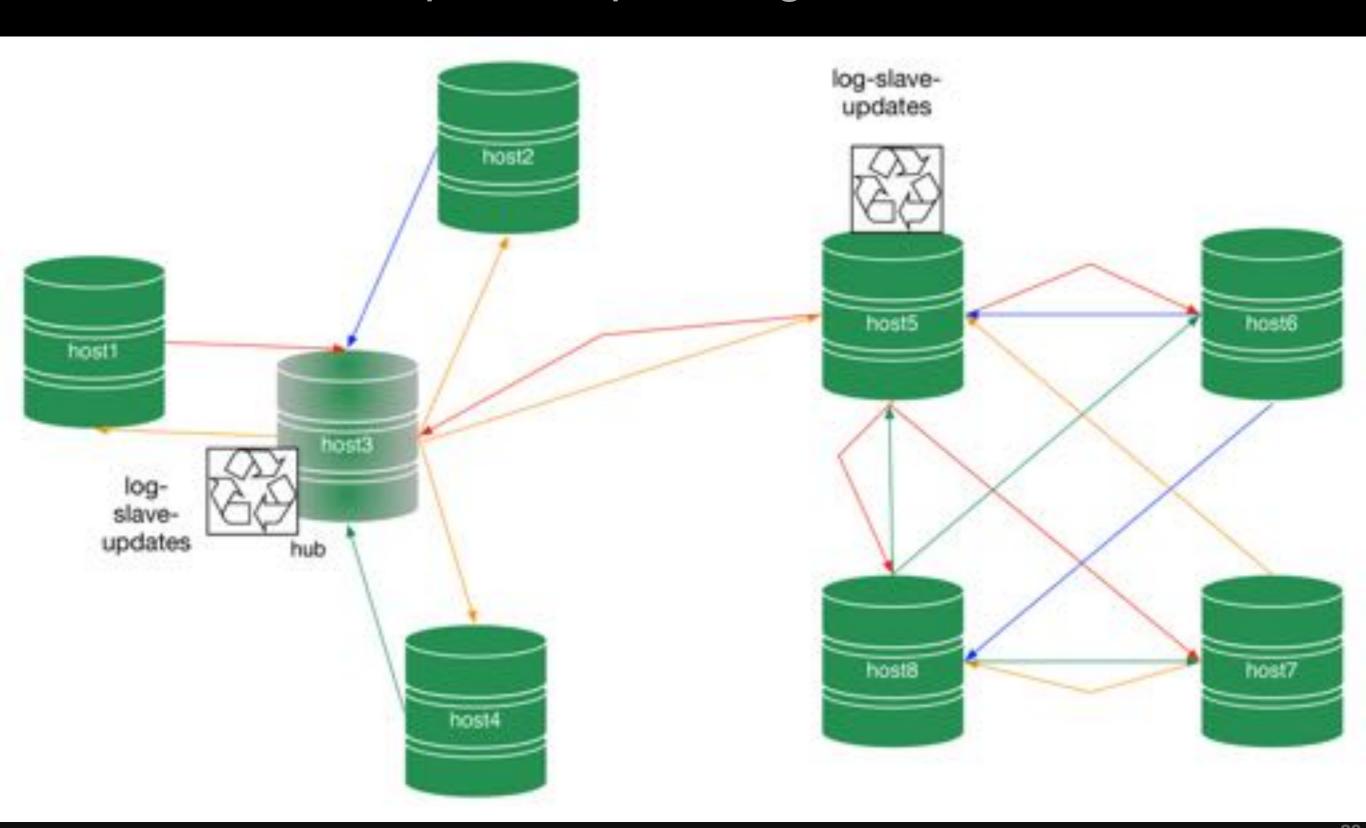
You can combine two point-to-point topologies ...



... or two star topologies ...



... or a star and a point-to-point together



Multi source demo

Claim: Multi source replication

- Claimed by
 - MySQL 5.7
 - MariaDB 10.0 and 10.1

Sceptic assessment: Multi source replication

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- (+) Yes. You can run multi-source replication;
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CAN DO MUCH BETTER!

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- (-) Same issues for single stream, but worsened by multiple channels
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- (-) show master status mixes up info about the data created and received

MariaDB multi-source issues

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- (-) Syntax is different from MySQL
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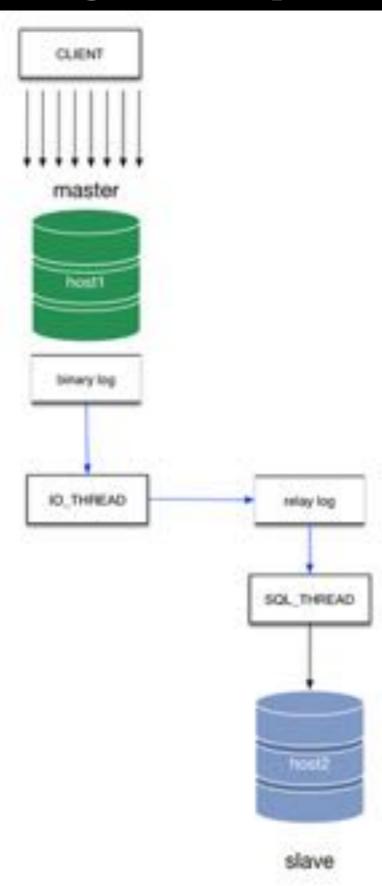
Parallel replication

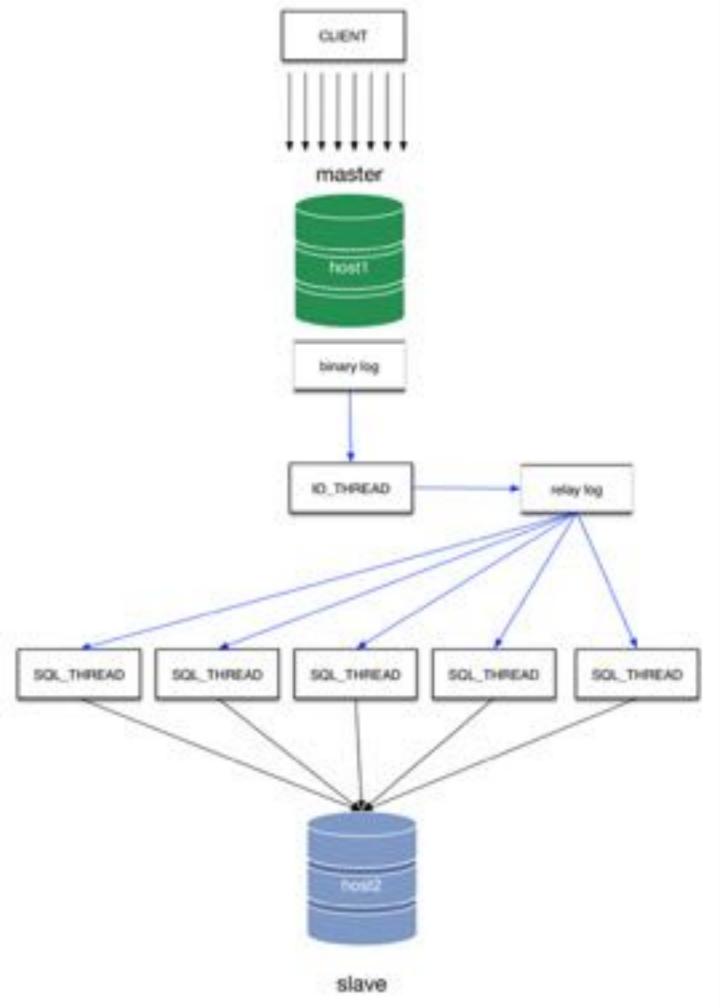
Parallel apply

When the slave lags, using parallel threads may speed up things

- It's the ability of executing binary log events in parallel.
- Implemented in Tungsten Replication (2011, schema based), MySQL 5.6 (2012, schema based), MariaDB 10 (2013, boundless), MySQL 5.7 (2013, boundless)

Single vs parallel

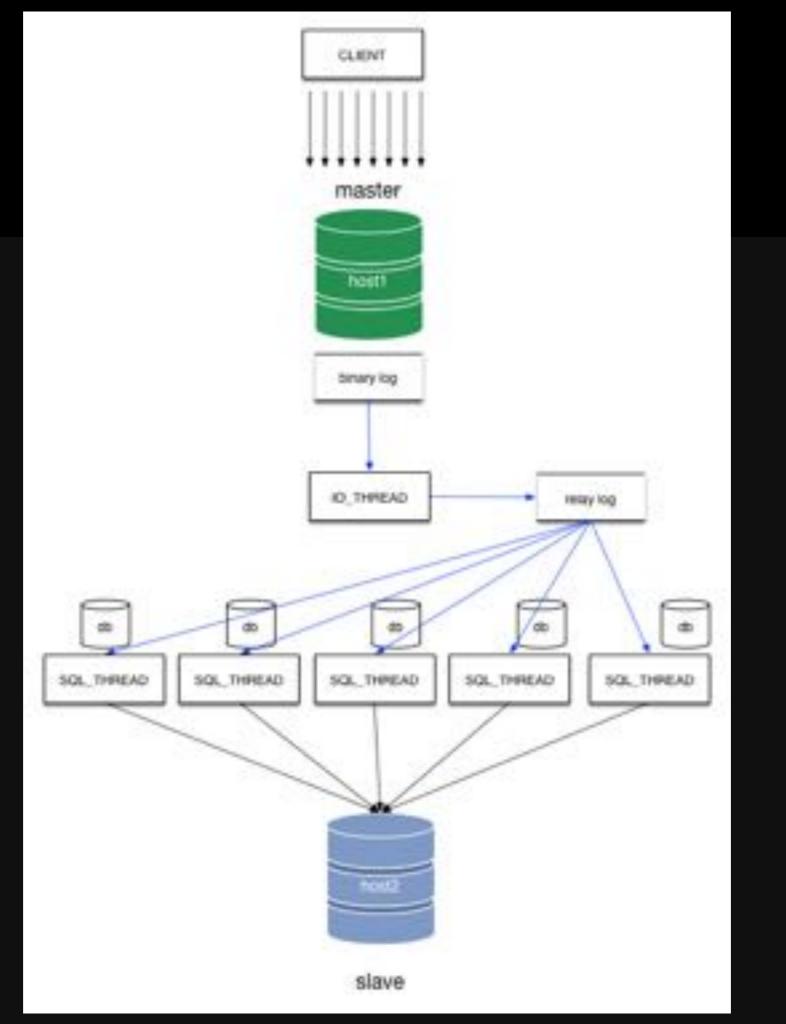




Implementation (1) Tungsten Replicator

The granddaddy of parallel replication, happily deployed in production for years

- Based on schema boundaries.
- No risk of deadlocks.
- Can be shared by criteria other than database, but only during provisioning.
- Fully integrated in the instrumentation;
- Provides extra information for monitoring and troubleshooting



Implementation (2) MySQL 5.6

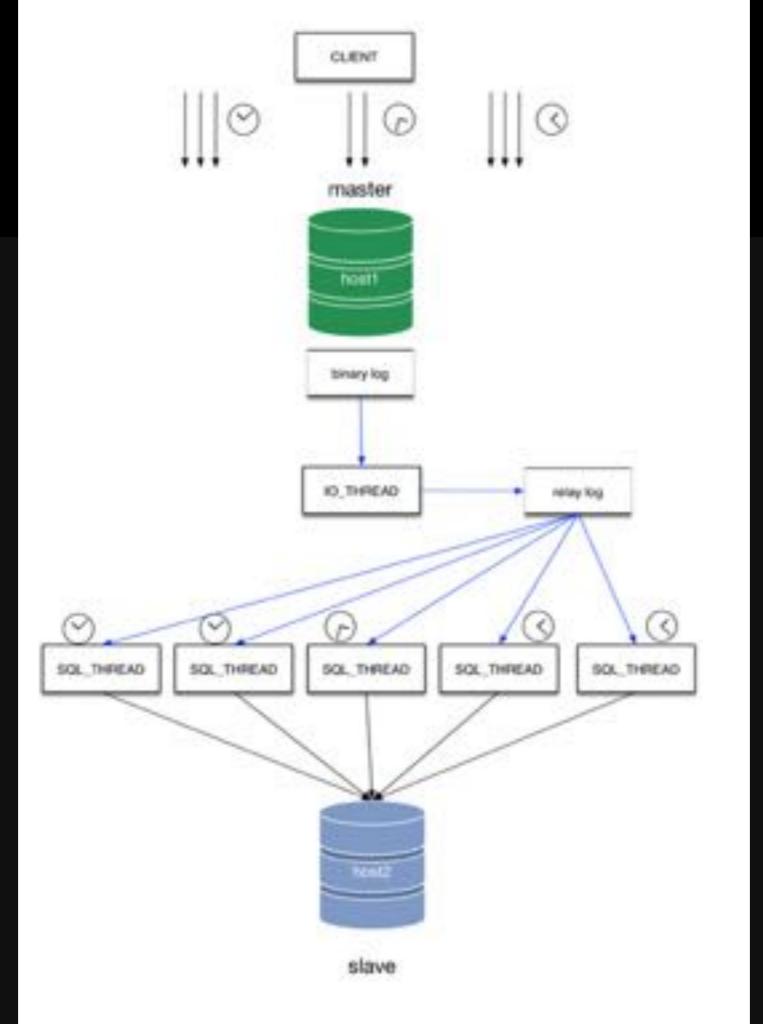
The first integrated solution for parallel replication

- Schema based, same as Tungsten.
- Requires both master and slave of the same version;
- No integration with GTID;
- No extra instrumentation.

Implementation (3) MySQL 5.7

Breaking the schema barriers

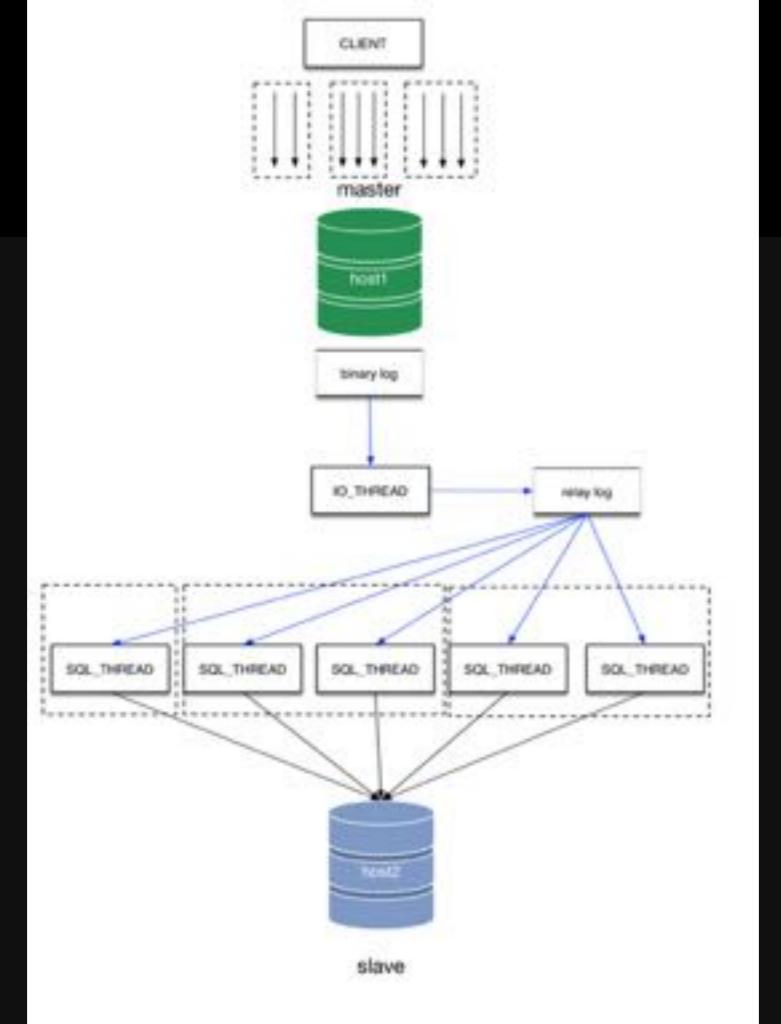
- Not schema based. Parallelism is defined by extra metadata from the master (logical clock).
- Requires both master and slave of the same version;
- Uses monitoring tables in performance schema
- Limited troubleshooting info;
- With multi-source, it's all or nothing



Implementation (4) MariaDB 10

The latest contender

- Not schema based. Uses information from the coordinator to define how to parallelise;
- Integrated with GTID;
- Little instrumentation for troubleshooting.
- You can choose to which channel to apply (set default_master_connection='x').



New development in MariaDB 10.1

A new algorithm for parallel replication

- Optimistic parallelisation
- Does not require preparation in the master
- Just released

Parallel replication expectations

Looking for performance, sometimes it's deceiving

- Performance depends on data distribution.
- Same data can have different performance on various methods.
- Slave resources and tuning affect reliability.

Parallel replication demo

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Sceptic assessment: parallel replication

NEEDS BETTER METADATA!

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Supporting material and software

http://bit.ly/my-rep-samples

(or check 'datacharmer' on GitHub)

Useful links

- ▶ GTID in MySQL
- Performance schema tables for replication
- ▶ GTID in MariaDB
- Multi Source in MySQL
- Multi Source in MariaDB
- Parallel Replication in MariaDB



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