

#### **Abstract**

This manual describes how to install, configure, and develop database applications using MySQL Connector/J, the JDBC driver for communicating with MySQL servers.

For notes detailing the changes in each release of Connector/J, see MySQL Connector/J Release Notes.

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# Chapter 1 Overview of MySQL Connector/J

MySQL provides connectivity for client applications developed in the Java programming language with MySQL Connector/J, a driver that implements the Java Database Connectivity (JDBC) API.

MySQL Connector/J is a JDBC Type 4 driver. Different versions are available that are compatible with the JDBC 3.0 and JDBC 4.0 specifications (see Chapter 2, Connector/J Versions). The Type 4 designation means that the driver is a pure Java implementation of the MySQL protocol and does not rely on the MySQL client libraries.

For large-scale programs that use common design patterns of data access, consider using one of the popular persistence frameworks such as Hibernate, Spring's JDBC templates or Ibatis SQL Maps to reduce the amount of JDBC code for you to debug, tune, secure, and maintain.

### **Key Topics**

 For help with connection strings, connection options, and setting up your connection through JDBC, see Section 5.1, "Driver/Datasource Class Names, URL Syntax and Configuration Properties for Connector/ J".

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# Chapter 2 Connector/J Versions

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There are currently four versions of MySQL Connector/J available:

- Connector/J 5.1 is a Type 4 pure Java JDBC driver, which conforms to the JDBC 3.0 and JDBC 4.0 specifications. It provides compatibility with all the functionality of MySQL, including 4.1, 5.0, 5.1, 5.5, 5.6, and 5.7. Connector/J 5.1 provides ease of development features, including auto-registration with the Driver Manager, standardized validity checks, categorized SQLExceptions, and support for the JDBC-4.0 XML processing, per connection client information, NCHAR, NVARCHAR and NCLOB types. This release also includes all bug fixes up to and including Connector/J 5.0.6.
- Connector/J 5.0 provides support for all the functionality offered by Connector/J 3.1 and includes distributed transaction (XA) support.
- Connector/J 3.1 was designed for connectivity to MySQL 4.1 and MySQL 5.0 servers and provides support for all the functionality in MySQL 5.0 except distributed transaction (XA) support.
- Connector/J 3.0 provides core functionality and was designed for connectivity to MySQL 3.x or MySQL
  4.1 servers, although it provides basic compatibility with later versions of MySQL. Connector/J 3.0 does
  not support server-side prepared statements, and does not support any of the features in versions of
  MySQL later than 4.1.

The following table summarizes the Connector/J versions available, along with the details of JDBC driver type, what version of the JDBC API it supports, what versions of MySQL Server it works with, and whether it is currently supported or not:

Table 2.1 Summary of Connector/J Versions

Connector/J version	Driver Type	JDBC version	MySQL Server version	Status
5.1	4	3.0, 4.0	4.1, 5.0, 5.1, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7	Recommended version
5.0	4	3.0	4.1, 5.0	Released version
3.1	4	3.0	4.1, 5.0	Obsolete
3.0	4	3.0	3.x, 4.1	Obsolete

The current recommended version for Connector/J is 5.1. This guide covers all four connector versions, with specific notes given where a setting applies to a specific option.

# 2.1 Connector/J Release Notes and Change History

For details of new features and bug fixes in each Connector/J release, see the MySQL Connector/J Release Notes.

# 2.2 Java Versions Supported

The following table summarizes what version of Java RTE is required to use Connector/J with Java applications, and what version of JDK is required to build Connector/J source code:

Table 2.2 Summary of Java Versions Required by Connector/J

Connector/J version	Java RTE required	JDK required (to build source code)
5.1	1.5.x, 1.6.x, 1.7.x	1.6.x and 1.5.x
5.0	1.3.x, 1.4.x, 1.5.x, 1.6.x	1.4.2, 1.5.x, 1.6.x
3.1	1.2.x, 1.3.x, 1.4.x, 1.5.x, 1.6.x	1.4.2, 1.5.x, 1.6.x
3.0	1.2.x, 1.3.x, 1.4.x, 1.5.x, 1.6.x	1.4.2, 1.5.x, 1.6.x

If you are building Connector/J from source code using the source distribution (see Section 3.4, "Installing from the Development Source Tree"), you must use JDK 1.4.2 or newer to compile the package for Connector/J 5.0 or earlier. For Connector/J 5.1, you must have both JDK-1.6.x *AND* JDK-1.5.x installed to be able to build the source code.

Java 1.7 support requires Connector/J 5.1.21 and higher.

Several JDBC 4.1 methods were implemented for the first time in Connector/J 5.1.21.

Because of the implementation of <code>java.sql.Savepoint</code>, Connector/J 3.1.0 and newer will not run on a Java runtime older than 1.4 unless the class verifier is turned off (by setting the <code>-Xverify:none</code> option to the Java runtime). This is because the class verifier will try to load the class definition for <code>java.sql.Savepoint</code> even though it is not accessed by the driver unless you actually use savepoint functionality.

Caching functionality provided by Connector/J 3.1.0 or newer is also not available on JVMs older than 1.4.x, as it relies on java.util.LinkedHashMap, which was first available in JDK-1.4.0.

MySQL Connector/J does not support JDK-1.1.x or JDK-1.0.x.

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You can install the Connector/J package using either the binary or source distribution. The binary distribution provides the easiest method for installation; the source distribution lets you customize your installation further. With either solution, you manually add the Connector/J location to your Java CLASSPATH.

If you are upgrading from a previous version, read the upgrade information in Section 3.3, "Upgrading from an Older Version" before continuing.

Connector/J is also available as part of the Maven project. For more information and to download the Connector/J JAR files, see the Maven repository.

# 3.1 Installing Connector/J from a Binary Distribution

For the easiest method of installation, use the binary distribution of the Connector/J package. The binary distribution is available either as a tar/gzip or zip file. Extract it to a suitable location, then optionally make the information about the package available by changing your CLASSPATH (see Section 3.2, "Installing the Driver and Configuring the CLASSPATH").

MySQL Connector/J is distributed as a .zip or .tar.gz archive containing the sources, the class files, and the JAR archive named mysql-connector-java-version-bin.jar.

Starting with Connector/J 3.1.9, the .class files that constitute the JAR files are only included as part of the driver JAR file.

Starting with Connector/J 3.1.8, the archive also includes a debug build of the driver in a file named <code>mysql-connector-java-version-bin-g.jar</code>. Do not use the debug build of the driver unless instructed to do so when reporting a problem or a bug, as it is not designed to be run in production environments, and will have adverse performance impact when used. The debug binary also depends on the Aspect/J runtime library, which is located in the <code>src/lib/aspectjrt.jar</code> file that comes with the Connector/J distribution.

Use the appropriate graphical or command-line utility to extract the distribution (for example, WinZip for the .zip archive, and tar for the .tar.gz archive). Because there are potentially long file names in the distribution, we use the GNU tar archive format. Use GNU tar (or an application that understands the GNU tar archive format) to unpack the .tar.gz variant of the distribution.

# 3.2 Installing the Driver and Configuring the CLASSPATH

Once you have extracted the distribution archive, you can install the driver by placing mysql-connector-java-version-bin.jar in your classpath, either by adding the full path to it to your CLASSPATH environment variable, or by directly specifying it with the command line switch -cp when starting the JVM.

To use the driver with the JDBC <code>DriverManager</code>, use <code>com.mysql.jdbc.Driver</code> as the class that implements <code>java.sql.Driver</code>.

You can set the CLASSPATH environment variable under Unix, Linux, or OS X either locally for a user within their .profile, .login or other login file. You can also set it globally by editing the global /etc/profile file.

For example, add the Connector/J driver to your CLASSPATH using one of the following forms, depending on your command shell:

```
# Bourne-compatible shell (sh, ksh, bash, zsh):
shell> export CLASSPATH=/path/mysql-connector-java-ver-bin.jar:$CLASSPATH
# C shell (csh, tcsh):
shell> setenv CLASSPATH /path/mysql-connector-java-ver-bin.jar:$CLASSPATH
```

For Windows platforms, you set the environment variable through the System Control Panel.

To use MySQL Connector/J with an application server such as GlassFish, Tomcat, or JBoss, read your vendor's documentation for more information on how to configure third-party class libraries, as most application servers ignore the CLASSPATH environment variable. For configuration examples for some J2EE application servers, see Chapter 7, Connection Pooling with Connector/J, Section 8.2, "Configuring Load Balancing with Connector/J", and Section 8.4, "Advanced Load-balancing and Failover Configuration". However, the authoritative source for JDBC connection pool configuration information for your particular application server is the documentation for that application server.

If you are developing servlets or JSPs, and your application server is J2EE-compliant, you can put the driver's .jar file in the WEB-INF/lib subdirectory of your webapp, as this is a standard location for third party class libraries in J2EE web applications.

You can also use the MysqlDataSource or MysqlConnectionPoolDataSource classes in the com.mysql.jdbc.jdbc2.optional package, if your J2EE application server supports or requires them. Starting with Connector/J 5.0.0, the javax.sql.XADataSource interface is implemented using the com.mysql.jdbc.jdbc2.optional.MysqlXADataSource class, which supports XA distributed transactions when used in combination with MySQL server version 5.0 and later.

The various MysqlDataSource classes support the following parameters (through standard set mutators):

- user
- password
- serverName (see the previous section about failover hosts)
- databaseName
- port

### 3.3 Upgrading from an Older Version

This section has information for users who are upgrading from one version of Connector/J to another, or to a new version of the MySQL server that supports a more recent level of JDBC. A newer version of Connector/J might include changes to support new features, improve existing functionality, or comply with new standards.

### 3.3.1 Upgrading to MySQL Connector/J 5.1.x

• In Connector/J 5.0.x and earlier, the alias for a table in a SELECT statement is returned when accessing the result set metadata using ResultSetMetaData.getColumnName(). This behavior however is not JDBC compliant, and in Connector/J 5.1, this behavior has been changed so that the original table name, rather than the alias, is returned.

The JDBC-compliant behavior is designed to let API users reconstruct the DML statement based on the metadata within ResultSet and ResultSetMetaData.

You can get the alias for a column in a result set by calling ResultSetMetaData.getColumnLabel(). To use the old noncompliant behavior with ResultSetMetaData.getColumnName(), use the useOldAliasMetadataBehavior option and set the value to true.

In Connector/J 5.0.x, the default value of useOldAliasMetadataBehavior was true, but in Connector/J 5.1 this was changed to a default value of false.

### 3.3.2 JDBC-Specific Issues When Upgrading to MySQL Server 4.1 or Newer

Using the UTF-8 Character Encoding - Prior to MySQL server version 4.1, the UTF-8 character encoding
was not supported by the server, however the JDBC driver could use it, allowing storage of multiple
character sets in latin1 tables on the server.

Starting with MySQL-4.1, this functionality is deprecated. If you have applications that rely on this functionality, and can not upgrade them to use the official Unicode character support in MySQL server version 4.1 or newer, add the following property to your connection URL:

useOldUTF8Behavior=true

• Server-side Prepared Statements - Connector/J 3.1 will automatically detect and use server-side prepared statements when they are available (MySQL server version 4.1.0 and newer). If your application encounters issues with server-side prepared statements, you can revert to the older client-side emulated prepared statement code that is still presently used for MySQL servers older than 4.1.0 with the following connection property:

useServerPrepStmts=false

# 3.3.3 Upgrading from MySQL Connector/J 3.0 to 3.1

Connector/J 3.1 is designed to be backward-compatible with Connector/J 3.0 as much as possible. Major changes are isolated to new functionality exposed in MySQL-4.1 and newer, which includes Unicode character sets, server-side prepared statements, SQLState codes returned in error messages by the server and various performance enhancements that can be enabled or disabled using configuration properties.

- Unicode Character Sets: See the next section, as well as Character Set Support, for information on this
  MySQL feature. If you have something misconfigured, it will usually show up as an error with a message
  similar to Illegal mix of collations.
- Server-side Prepared Statements: Connector/J 3.1 will automatically detect and use server-side
  prepared statements when they are available (MySQL server version 4.1.0 and newer).

Starting with version 3.1.7, the driver scans SQL you are preparing using all variants of Connection.prepareStatement() to determine if it is a supported type of statement to prepare on the server side, and if it is not supported by the server, it instead prepares it as a client-side emulated

prepared statement. You can disable this feature by passing emulateUnsupportedPstmts=false in your JDBC URL.

If your application encounters issues with server-side prepared statements, you can revert to the older client-side emulated prepared statement code that is still presently used for MySQL servers older than 4.1.0 with the connection property useServerPrepStmts=false.

• **Datetimes** with all-zero components (0000-00-00 ...): These values cannot be represented reliably in Java. Connector/J 3.0.x always converted them to NULL when being read from a ResultSet.

Connector/J 3.1 throws an exception by default when these values are encountered, as this is the most correct behavior according to the JDBC and SQL standards. This behavior can be modified using the zeroDateTimeBehavior configuration property. The permissible values are:

- exception (the default), which throws an SQLException with an SQLState of S1009.
- convertToNull, which returns NULL instead of the date.
- round, which rounds the date to the nearest closest value which is 0001-01-01.

Starting with Connector/J 3.1.7, ResultSet.getString() can be decoupled from this behavior using noDatetimeStringSync=true (the default value is false) so that you can retrieve the unaltered all-zero value as a String. Note that this also precludes using any time zone conversions, therefore the driver will not allow you to enable noDatetimeStringSync and useTimezone at the same time.

- New SQLState Codes: Connector/J 3.1 uses SQL:1999 SQLState codes returned by the MySQL server (if supported), which are different from the legacy X/Open state codes that Connector/J 3.0 uses. If connected to a MySQL server older than MySQL-4.1.0 (the oldest version to return SQLStates as part of the error code), the driver will use a built-in mapping. You can revert to the old mapping by using the configuration property useSqlStateCodes=false.
- ResultSet.getString(): Calling ResultSet.getString() on a BLOB column will now return the address of the byte[] array that represents it, instead of a String representation of the BLOB. BLOB values have no character set, so they cannot be converted to java.lang.Strings without data loss or corruption.

To store strings in MySQL with LOB behavior, use one of the TEXT types, which the driver will treat as a java.sql.Clob.

• **Debug builds**: Starting with Connector/J 3.1.8 a debug build of the driver in a file named mysql-connector-java-version-bin-g.jar is shipped alongside the normal binary jar file that is named mysql-connector-java-version-bin.jar.

Starting with Connector/J 3.1.9, we do not ship the .class files unbundled, they are only available in the JAR archives that ship with the driver.

Do not use the debug build of the driver unless instructed to do so when reporting a problem or bug, as it is not designed to be run in production environments, and will have adverse performance impact when used. The debug binary also depends on the Aspect/J runtime library, which is located in the src/lib/aspectjrt.jar file that comes with the Connector/J distribution.

# 3.4 Installing from the Development Source Tree

#### Caution

Read this section only if you are interested in helping us test our new code. To just get MySQL Connector/J up and running on your system, use a standard binary release distribution.

The requirements and steps for installing Connector/J 5.1.34 or later and 5.1.33 or earlier from source are different; check the section below that is relevant for the version you want.

**Installing Connector/J 5.1.34 or later from the development source tree.** To install MySQL Connector/J from the development source tree, make sure that you have the following software on your system:

- A Git client, to check out the sources from our GitHub repository (available from http://git-scm.com/downloads).
- Apache Ant version 1.8.2 or newer (available from http://ant.apache.org/).
- JDK 1.6.x AND JDK 1.5.x.
- JUnit libraries (available from https://github.com/junit-team/junit/wiki/Download-and-Install).
- The required . jar files from the Hibernate ORM 4.1 or 4.2 Final release bundle, which is available at http://sourceforge.net/projects/hibernate/files/hibernate4/.

To check out and compile MySQL Connector/J, follow these steps:

 Check out the code from the source code repository for MySQL Connector/J located on GitHub at https://github.com/mysql/mysql-connector-j; for the latest release of the Connector/J 5.1 series, use the following command:

```
shell> git clone https://github.com/mysql/mysql-connector-j.git
```

To check out a release other than the latest one, use the --branch option to specify the revision tag for it:

```
shell> git clone --branch 5.1.xx https://github.com/mysql/mysql-connector-j.git
```

Under the current directory, the commands create a mysql-connector-j subdirectory, which contains the code you want.

- 2. Make sure that you have both JDK 1.6.x *AND* JDK 1.5.x installed. You need both JDKs because Connector/J 5.1 supports both JDBC 3.0 (which has existed prior to JDK 1.6.x) and JDBC 4.0.
- 3. Place the required junit.jar file in a separate directory—for example, /home/username/ant-extralibs.
- 4. In the same directory for extra libraries described in the last step, create a directory named hibernate4, and put under it all the .jar files you can find under the /lib/required/ folder in the Hibernate ORM 4 Final release bundle.
- 5. Change your current working directory to the mysql-connector-j directory created in step 1 above.
- 6. In the directory, create a file named build.properties to indicate to Ant the locations of the root directories for your JDK 1.5.x and JDK 1.6.x installations, as well as the location of the extra libraries.

The file should contain the following property settings, with the "path\_to\_\*" parts replaced by the appropriate filepaths:

```
com.mysql.jdbc.jdk5=path_to_jdk_1.5
com.mysql.jdbc.jdk6=path_to_jdk_1.6
com.mysql.jdbc.extra.libs=path_to_folder_for_extra_libraries
```

Alternatively, you can set the values of those properties through the Ant -D options.

7. Issue the following command to compile the driver and create a . jar file for Connector/J:

```
shell> ant dist
```

This creates a build directory in the current directory, where all the build output goes. A directory is created under the build directory, whose name includes the version number of the release you are building. That directory contains the sources, the compiled .class files, and a .jar file for deployment. For more information and other possible targets, including those that create a fully packaged distribution, issue the following command:

```
shell> ant -projecthelp
```

8. Install the newly created . jar file for the JDBC driver as you would install a binary . jar file you download from MySQL by following the instructions given in Section 3.2, "Installing the Driver and Configuring the CLASSPATH".

Note that a package containing both the binary and source code for Connector/J 5.1 can also be found at Connector/J 5.1 Download

**Installing Connector/J 5.1.33 or earlier from the development source tree.** To install MySQL Connector/J 5.1.33 or earlier from the development source tree, make sure that you have the following software on your system:

- A Git client, to check out the source code from our GitHub repository (available from http://git-scm.com/downloads).
- Apache Ant version 1.7 or newer (available from http://ant.apache.org/).
- JDK 1.6.x AND JDK 1.5.x. Refer to Section 2.2, "Java Versions Supported" for the version of Java you need to build or run any Connector/J release.
- The Ant Contrib (version 1.03b is available from http://sourceforge.net/projects/ant-contrib/files/ant-contrib/1.0b3/) and JUnit (available from https://github.com/junit-team/junit/wiki/Download-and-Install) libraries.
- The required . jar files from the Hibernate ORM 4.1 or 4.2 Final release bundle, which is available at http://sourceforge.net/projects/hibernate/files/hibernate4/.

To check out and compile a specific branch of MySQL Connector/J, follow these steps:

 Check out the code from the source code repository for MySQL Connector/J located on GitHub at https://github.com/mysql/mysql-connector-j, using the --branch option to specify the revision tag for release 5.1.xx:

```
shell> git clone --branch 5.1.xx https://github.com/mysql/mysql-connector-j.git
```

Under the current directory, the commands create a mysql-connector-j subdirectory, which contains the code you want.

- 2. To build Connector/J 5.1, make sure that you have both JDK 1.6.x *AND* JDK 1.5.x installed. You need both JDKs because Connector/J 5.1 supports both JDBC 3.0 (which has existed prior to JDK 1.6.x) and JDBC 4.0. Set your JAVA HOME environment variable to the path to the JDK 1.5.x installation.
- 3. Place the required ant-contrib.jar file (in exactly that name, without the version number in it; rename the jar file if needed) and junit.jar file in a separate directory—for example, /home/username/ant-extralibs.
- 4. In the same directory for extra libraries described in the last step, create a directory named hibernate4, and put under it all the .jar files you can find under the /lib/required/ folder in the Hibernate ORM 4 Final release bundle.
- 5. Change your current working directory to the mysql-connector-j directory created in step 1 above.
- 6. In the directory, create a file named build.properties to indicate to Ant the locations of the Javac and rt.jar of your JDK 1.6.x, as well as the location of the extra libraries. The file should contain the following property settings, with the "path\_to\_\*" parts replaced by the appropriate filepaths:

```
com.mysql.jdbc.java6.javac=path_to_javac_1.6/javac
com.mysql.jdbc.java6.rtjar=path_to_rt.jar_under_jdk_1.6/rt.jar
com.mysql.jdbc.extra.libs=path_to_folder_for_extra_libraries
```

Alternatively, you can set the values of those properties through the Ant -D options.

7. Issue the following command to compile the driver and create a . jar file for Connector/J:

```
shell> ant dist
```

This creates a build directory in the current directory, where all the build output goes. A directory is created under the build directory, whose name includes the version number of the release you are building. That directory contains the sources, the compiled .class files, and a .jar file for deployment. For more information and other possible targets, including those that create a fully packaged distribution, issue the following command:

```
shell> ant -projecthelp
```

8. Install the newly created . jar file for the JDBC driver as you would install a binary . jar file you download from MySQL by following the instructions given in Section 3.2, "Installing the Driver and Configuring the CLASSPATH".

# 3.5 Testing Connector/J

The Connector/J source code repository or packages that are shipped with source code include an extensive test suite, containing test cases that can be executed independently. The test cases are divided into the following categories:

- Functional or unit tests: Classes from the package testsuite.simple. Include test code for the main features of the Connector/J.
- Performance tests: Classes from the package testsuite.perf. Include test code to make measurements for the performance of Connector/J.

- Fabric tests: Classes from the package testsuite.fabric. Includes the code to test Fabric-specific features. These tests require the setting of some special properties that are not documented here. Consult the code or the Fabric-related targets in the bundled Ant build file, build.xml.
- Regression tests: Classes from the package testsuite.regression. Includes code for testing bug
  and regression fixes.

The bundled Ant build file contains targets like test and test-multijvm, which can facilitate the process of running the Connector/J tests; see the target descriptions in the build file for details. Besides the requirements for building Connector/J from the source code described in Section 3.4, "Installing from the Development Source Tree", a number of the tests also require the File System Service Provider 1.2 for the Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI), available at http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/java/javasebusiness/downloads/java-archive-downloads-java-plat-419418.html)—place the jar files downloaded from there into the lib directory or in the directory pointed to by the property com.mysql.jdbc.extra.libs.

To run the test using Ant, in addition to the properties required for Section 3.4, "Installing from the Development Source Tree", you must set the following properties in the build.properties file or through the Ant -D options:

- com.mysql.jdbc.testsuite.url: it specifies the JDBC URL for connection to a MySQL test server; see Section 5.1, "Driver/Datasource Class Names, URL Syntax and Configuration Properties for Connector/J".
- com.mysql.jdbc.testsuite.jvm: the JVM to be used for the tests. If the property is set, the specified JVM will be used for all test cases except if it points to a Java 5 directory, in which case any test cases for JDBC 4.0 and later are run with the JVM supplied with the property com.mysql.jdbc.jdk6. If the property is not set, the JVM supplied with com.mysql.jdbc.jdk5 will be used to run test cases for JDBC 3.0 and the one supplied with com.mysql.jdbc.jdk6 will be used to run test cases for JDBC 4.0 and later.

After setting these parameters, run the tests with Ant in the following ways:

Building the test target with ant test runs all test cases by default on a single server instance. If
you want to run a particular test case, put the test's fully qualified class names in the test variable; for
example:

```
shell > ant -Dtest=testsuite.simple.StringUtilsTest test
```

You can also run individual tests in a test case by specifying the names of the corresponding methods in the methods variable, separating multiple methods by commas; for example:

```
shell > ant -Dtest=testsuite.simple.StringUtilsTest -Dmethods=testIndexOfIgnoreCase,testGetBytes test
```

• Building the test-multijvm target with ant test-multijvm runs all the test cases using multiple JVMs of different versions on multiple server instances. For example, if you want to run the tests using a Java 7 and a Java 8 JVM on three server instances with different configurations, you will need to use the following properties:

```
com.mysql.jdbc.testsuite.jvm.l=path_to_Java_7
com.mysql.jdbc.testsuite.jvm.2=path_to_Java_8
com.mysql.jdbc.testsuite.url.l=URL_to_1st_server
com.mysql.jdbc.testsuite.url.2=URL_to_2nd_server
com.mysql.jdbc.testsuite.url.3=URL_to_3rd_server
```

Unlike the target test, the target test-multijvm only recognizes the properties com.mysql.jdbc.testsuite.jvm.N and com.mysql.jdbc.testsuite.url.N, where N is a numeric suffice; the same properties without the suffices are ignored by test-multijvm. As with the target test, if any of the com.mysql.jdbc.testsuite.jvm.N settings points to Java 5, then Ant relies on the property com.mysql.jdbc.jdk6 to run the tests specific to JDBC 4.0 and later.

You can choose to run individual test cases or specific tests by using the test or methods property, as explained in the last bullet for the target test. Each test is run once per possible combination of JVMs and server instances (that is, 6 times in total for in this example).

When a test for a certain JVM-server combination has failed, test-multijvm does not throw an error, but moves on to the next combination, until all tests for all combinations are finished.

While the test results are partially reported by the console, complete reports in HTML and XML formats are provided:

- For results of test: view the HTML report by opening build/junit/unitregress/report/index.html. XML version of the reports are located in the folder build/junit/unitregress.
- For results of test-multijvm: view the HTML report for each JVM-server combination by opening build/junit/MySQLN.server\_version/operating\_system\_version/jvm-version/unitregress/report/index.html. XML version of the reports are located in the folder build/junit/MySQLN.server\_version/operating\_system\_version/jvm-version/unitregress.

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# Chapter 4 Connector/J Examples

Examples of using Connector/J are located throughout this document. This section provides a summary and links to these examples.

- Example 6.1, "Connector/J: Obtaining a connection from the DriverManager"
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- Example 6.3, "Connector/J: Calling Stored Procedures"
- Example 6.4, "Connector/J: Using Connection.prepareCall()"
- Example 6.5, "Connector/J: Registering output parameters"
- Example 6.6, "Connector/J: Setting CallableStatement input parameters"
- Example 6.7, "Connector/J: Retrieving results and output parameter values"
- Example 6.8, "Connector/J: Retrieving AUTO\_INCREMENT column values using Statement.getGeneratedKeys()"
- Example 6.9, "Connector/J: Retrieving AUTO\_INCREMENT column values using SELECT LAST\_INSERT\_ID()"
- Example 6.10, "Connector/J: Retrieving AUTO\_INCREMENT column values in Updatable ResultSets"
- Example 7.1, "Connector/J: Using a connection pool with a J2EE application server"
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This section of the manual contains reference material for MySQL Connector/J.

# 5.1 Driver/Datasource Class Names, URL Syntax and Configuration Properties for Connector/J

The name of the class that implements <code>java.sql.Driver</code> in MySQL Connector/J is <code>com.mysql.jdbc.Driver</code>. The <code>org.gjt.mm.mysql.Driver</code> class name is also usable for backward compatibility with MM.MySQL, the predecessor of Connector/J. Use this class name when registering the driver, or when configuring a software to use MySQL Connector/J.

#### JDBC URL Format

The general format for a JDBC URL for connecting to a MySQL server is as follows, with items in square brackets ([]) being optional:

```
jdbc:mysql://[host1][:port1][,[host2][:port2]]...[/[database]] »
[?propertyName1=propertyValue1[&propertyName2=propertyValue2]...]
```

Here is a simple example for a connection URL:

```
jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/sakila?profileSQL=true
```

Supply multiple hosts for a server failover setup (see Chapter 8, Multi-Host Connections for details):

```
# Connection URL for a server failover setup:
jdbc:mysql//primaryhost,secondaryhost1,secondaryhost2/test
```

There are specialized URL schemes for configuring Connector/J's multi-host functions like load balancing and replication; here are some examples (see Chapter 8, *Multi-Host Connections* for details):

```
# Connection URL for load balancing:
jdbc:mysql:loadbalance://localhost:3306,localhost:3310/sakila

# Connection URL for server replication:
jdbc:mysql:replication://master,slave1,slave2,slave3/test
```

#### **Host and Port**

If no hosts are not specified, the host name defaults to 127.0.0.1. If the port for a host is not specified, it defaults to 3306, the default port number for MySQL servers.

#### **Initial Database for Connection**

If the database is not specified, the connection is made with no default database. In this case, either call the setCatalog() method on the Connection instance, or fully specify table names using the database name (that is, SELECT dbname.tablename.colname FROM dbname.tablename...) in your SQL. Opening a connection without specifying the database to use is generally only useful when building tools that work with multiple databases, such as GUI database managers.

#### **Note**

Always use the Connection.setCatalog() method to specify the desired database in JDBC applications, rather than the USE database statement.

#### **IPv6 Connections**

For IPv6 connections, use this alternative syntax to specify hosts in the URL (the same syntax can also be used for IPv4 connections):

```
jdbc:mysql://address=(key1=value)[(key2=value)]...[,address=(key3=value)[(key4=value)]...]/[database]] **
[?propertyName1=propertyValue1[&propertyName2=propertyValue2]...]
```

#### Supported keys include:

- (protocol=tcp), or (protocol=pipe) for named pipes on Windows.
- (path=path\_to\_pipe) for named pipes.
- (host=hostname) for TCP connections.
- (port=port\_number) for TCP connections.

#### For example:

```
jdbc:mysql://address=(protocol=tcp)(host=localhost)(port=3306)/db
```

Keys other than the four mentioned above are treated as host-specific configuration properties, which allow per-host overrides of any configuration property set for multi-host connections (that is, when using failover, load balancing, or replication). For example:

```
# IPv6 Connection URL for a server failover setup:
jdbc:mysql//address=(protocol=tcp)(host=primaryhost)(port=3306),  
address=(protocol=tcp)(host=secondaryhost1)(port=3310)(user=test2)/test

# IPv6 Connection URL for load balancing:
jdbc:mysql:loadbalance://address=(protocol=tcp)(host=localhost)(port=3306)(user=test1),  
address=(protocol=tcp)(host=localhost)(port=3310)(user=test2)/sakila

# IPv6 Connection URL for server replication:
jdbc:mysql:replication://address=(protocol=tcp)(host=master)(port=3306)(user=test1),  
address=(protocol=tcp)(host=slave1)(port=3310)(user=test2)/test
```

Limit the overrides to user, password, network timeouts, and statement and metadata cache sizes; the effects of other per-host overrides are not defined.

The ways to set the other configuration properties are the same for IPv6 and IPv4 URLs; see Setting Configuration Properties.

# **Setting Configuration Properties**

Configuration properties define how Connector/J will make a connection to a MySQL server. Unless otherwise noted, properties can be set for a DataSource object or for a Connection object.

Configuration properties can be set in one of the following ways:

- Using the set\*() methods on MySQL implementations of java.sql.DataSource (which is the preferred method when using implementations of java.sql.DataSource):
  - com.mysql.jdbc.jdbc2.optional.MysqlDataSource
  - com.mysql.jdbc.jdbc2.optional.MysqlConnectionPoolDataSource
- As a key/value pair in the java.util.Properties instance passed to DriverManager.getConnection() Or Driver.connect()
- As a JDBC URL parameter in the URL given to <code>java.sql.DriverManager.getConnection()</code>, <code>java.sql.Driver.connect()</code> or the MySQL implementations of the <code>javax.sql.DataSourcestURL()</code> method. If you specify a configuration property in the URL without providing a value for it, nothing will be set; for example, adding <code>useServerPrepStmts</code> alone to the URL does not make Connector/J use server-side prepared statements; you need to add <code>useServerPrepStmts=true</code>.

#### Note

If the mechanism you use to configure a JDBC URL is XML-based, use the XML character literal & to separate configuration parameters, as the ampersand is a reserved character for XML.

The properties are listed in the following tables.

#### Connection/Authentication.

#### **Properties and Descriptions**

#### user

The user to connect as

Since version: all versions

#### password

The password to use when connecting

Since version: all versions

#### socketFactory

The name of the class that the driver should use for creating socket connections to the server. This class must implement the interface 'com.mysql.jdbc.SocketFactory' and have public no-args constructor.

Default: com.mysql.jdbc.StandardSocketFactory

Since version: 3.0.3

#### connectTimeout

Timeout for socket connect (in milliseconds), with 0 being no timeout. Only works on JDK-1.4 or newer. Defaults to '0'.

Default: 0

Since version: 3.0.1

#### socketTimeout

Timeout on network socket operations (0, the default means no timeout).

Default: 0

Since version: 3.0.1

#### connectionLifecycleInterceptors

A comma-delimited list of classes that implement "com.mysql.jdbc.ConnectionLifecycleInterceptor" that should notified of connection lifecycle events (creation, destruction, commit, rollback, setCatalog and setAutoCommit) and potentially alter the execution of these commands. ConnectionLifecycleInterceptors are "stackable", more than one interceptor may be specified via the configuration property as a commadelimited list, with the interceptors executed in order from left to right.

Since version: 5.1.4

#### useConfigs

Load the comma-delimited list of configuration properties before parsing the URL or applying userspecified properties. These configurations are explained in the 'Configurations' of the documentation.

Since version: 3.1.5

#### authenticationPlugins

Comma-delimited list of classes that implement com.mysql.jdbc.AuthenticationPlugin and which will be used for authentication unless disabled by "disabledAuthenticationPlugins" property.

Since version: 5.1.19

#### defaultAuthenticationPlugin

Name of a class implementing com.mysql.jdbc.AuthenticationPlugin which will be used as the default authentication plugin (see below). It is an error to use a class which is not listed in "authenticationPlugins" nor it is one of the built-in plugins. It is an error to set as default a plugin which was disabled with "disabledAuthenticationPlugins" property. It is an error to set this value to null or the empty string (i.e. there must be at least a valid default authentication plugin specified for the connection, meeting all constraints listed above).

Default: com.mysql.jdbc.authentication.MysqlNativePasswordPlugin

Since version: 5.1.19

#### disabledAuthenticationPlugins

Comma-delimited list of classes implementing com.mysql.jdbc.AuthenticationPlugin or mechanisms, i.e. "mysql\_native\_password". The authentication plugins or mechanisms listed will not be used for authentication which will fail if it requires one of them. It is an error to disable the default authentication

plugin (either the one named by "defaultAuthenticationPlugin" property or the hard-coded one if "defaultAuthenticationPlugin" property is not set).

Since version: 5.1.19

#### disconnectOnExpiredPasswords

If "disconnectOnExpiredPasswords" is set to "false" and password is expired then server enters "sandbox" mode and sends ERR(08001, ER\_MUST\_CHANGE\_PASSWORD) for all commands that are not needed to set a new password until a new password is set.

Default: true

Since version: 5.1.23

#### interactiveClient

Set the CLIENT\_INTERACTIVE flag, which tells MySQL to timeout connections based on INTERACTIVE\_TIMEOUT instead of WAIT\_TIMEOUT

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.0

#### **localSocketAddress**

Hostname or IP address given to explicitly configure the interface that the driver will bind the client side of the TCP/IP connection to when connecting.

Since version: 5.0.5

#### propertiesTransform

An implementation of com.mysql.jdbc.ConnectionPropertiesTransform that the driver will use to modify URL properties passed to the driver before attempting a connection

Since version: 3.1.4

#### useCompression

Use zlib compression when communicating with the server (true/false)? Defaults to 'false'.

Default: false

Since version: 3.0.17

#### Networking.

#### **Properties and Descriptions**

#### socksProxyHost

Name or IP address of SOCKS host to connect through.

Since version: 5.1.34

#### socksProxyPort

Port of SOCKS server.

Default: 1080

Since version: 5.1.34

#### maxAllowedPacket

Maximum allowed packet size to send to server. If not set, the value of system variable 'max\_allowed\_packet' will be used to initialize this upon connecting. This value will not take effect if set larger than the value of 'max\_allowed\_packet'. Also, due to an internal dependency with the property "blobSendChunkSize", this setting has a minimum value of "8203" if "useServerPrepStmts" is set to "true".

Default: -1

Since version: 5.1.8

#### tcpKeepAlive

If connecting using TCP/IP, should the driver set SO\_KEEPALIVE?

Default: true

Since version: 5.0.7

#### tcpNoDelay

If connecting using TCP/IP, should the driver set SO\_TCP\_NODELAY (disabling the Nagle Algorithm)?

Default: true

Since version: 5.0.7

#### tcpRcvBuf

If connecting using TCP/IP, should the driver set SO\_RCV\_BUF to the given value? The default value of '0', means use the platform default value for this property)

Default: 0

Since version: 5.0.7

#### tcpSndBuf

If connecting using TCP/IP, should the driver set SO\_SND\_BUF to the given value? The default value of '0', means use the platform default value for this property)

Default: 0

Since version: 5.0.7

#### tcpTrafficClass

If connecting using TCP/IP, should the driver set traffic class or type-of-service fields ?See the documentation for java.net.Socket.setTrafficClass() for more information.

Default: 0

Since version: 5.0.7

#### High Availability and Clustering.

#### autoReconnect

Should the driver try to re-establish stale and/or dead connections? If enabled the driver will throw an exception for a queries issued on a stale or dead connection, which belong to the current transaction, but will attempt reconnect before the next query issued on the connection in a new transaction. The use of this feature is not recommended, because it has side effects related to session state and data consistency when applications don't handle SQLExceptions properly, and is only designed to be used when you are unable to configure your application to handle SQLExceptions resulting from dead and stale connections properly. Alternatively, as a last option, investigate setting the MySQL server variable "wait\_timeout" to a high value, rather than the default of 8 hours.

Default: false

Since version: 1.1

#### autoReconnectForPools

Use a reconnection strategy appropriate for connection pools (defaults to 'false')

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.3

#### failOverReadOnly

When failing over in autoReconnect mode, should the connection be set to 'read-only'?

Default: true

Since version: 3.0.12

#### maxReconnects

Maximum number of reconnects to attempt if autoReconnect is true, default is '3'.

Default: 3

Since version: 1.1

#### reconnectAtTxEnd

If autoReconnect is set to true, should the driver attempt reconnections at the end of every transaction?

Default: false

Since version: 3.0.10

#### retriesAllDown

When using loadbalancing or failover, the number of times the driver should cycle through available hosts, attempting to connect. Between cycles, the driver will pause for 250ms if no servers are available.

Default: 120

Since version: 5.1.6

#### initialTimeout

If autoReconnect is enabled, the initial time to wait between re-connect attempts (in seconds, defaults to '2').

Default: 2

Since version: 1.1

#### roundRobinLoadBalance

When autoReconnect is enabled, and failoverReadonly is false, should we pick hosts to connect to on a round-robin basis?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.2

#### queriesBeforeRetryMaster

Number of queries to issue before falling back to the primary host when failed over (when using multi-host failover). Whichever condition is met first, 'queriesBeforeRetryMaster' or 'secondsBeforeRetryMaster' will cause an attempt to be made to reconnect to the primary host. Setting both properties to 0 disables the automatic fall back to the primary host at transaction boundaries. Defaults to 50.

Default: 50

Since version: 3.0.2

#### secondsBeforeRetryMaster

How long should the driver wait, when failed over, before attempting to reconnect to the primary host? Whichever condition is met first, 'queriesBeforeRetryMaster' or 'secondsBeforeRetryMaster' will cause an attempt to be made to reconnect to the master. Setting both properties to 0 disables the automatic fall back to the primary host at transaction boundaries. Time in seconds, defaults to 30

Default: 30

Since version: 3.0.2

#### allowMasterDownConnections

Should replication-aware driver establish connections to slaves when connection to master servers cannot be established at initial connection? Defaults to 'false', which will cause SQLException when configured master hosts are all unavailable when establishing a new replication-aware Connection.

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.27

#### replicationEnableJMX

Enables JMX-based management of load-balanced connection groups, including live addition/removal of hosts from load-balancing pool.

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.27

#### selfDestructOnPingMaxOperations

=If set to a non-zero value, the driver will report close the connection and report failure when Connection.ping() or Connection.isValid(int) is called if the connection's count of commands sent to the server exceeds this value.

Default: 0

Since version: 5.1.6

#### selfDestructOnPingSecondsLifetime

If set to a non-zero value, the driver will report close the connection and report failure when Connection.ping() or Connection.isValid(int) is called if the connection's lifetime exceeds this value.

Default: 0

Since version: 5.1.6

#### resourceld

A globally unique name that identifies the resource that this datasource or connection is connected to, used for XAResource.isSameRM() when the driver can't determine this value based on hostnames used in the URL

Since version: 5.0.1

#### Security.

#### **Properties and Descriptions**

#### allowMultiQueries

Allow the use of ';' to delimit multiple queries during one statement (true/false), defaults to 'false', and does not affect the addBatch() and executeBatch() methods, which instead rely on rewriteBatchStatements.

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.1

#### useSSL

Use SSL when communicating with the server (true/false), defaults to 'false'

Default: false

Since version: 3.0.2

#### requireSSL

Require server support of SSL connection if useSSL=true? (defaults to 'false').

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.0

#### verifyServerCertificate

If "useSSL" is set to "true", should the driver verify the server's certificate? When using this feature, the keystore parameters should be specified by the "clientCertificateKeyStore\*" properties, rather than system properties.

Default: true

Since version: 5.1.6

#### clientCertificateKeyStoreUrl

URL to the client certificate KeyStore (if not specified, use defaults)

Since version: 5.1.0

#### clientCertificateKeyStoreType

KeyStore type for client certificates (NULL or empty means use the default, which is "JKS". Standard keystore types supported by the JVM are "JKS" and "PKCS12", your environment may have more available depending on what security products are installed and available to the JVM.

Default: JKS

Since version: 5.1.0

#### clientCertificateKeyStorePassword

Password for the client certificates KeyStore

Since version: 5.1.0

#### trustCertificateKeyStoreUrl

URL to the trusted root certificate KeyStore (if not specified, use defaults)

Since version: 5.1.0

#### trustCertificateKeyStoreType

KeyStore type for trusted root certificates (NULL or empty means use the default, which is "JKS". Standard keystore types supported by the JVM are "JKS" and "PKCS12", your environment may have more available depending on what security products are installed and available to the JVM.

Default: JKS

Since version: 5.1.0

#### trustCertificateKeyStorePassword

Password for the trusted root certificates KeyStore

Since version: 5.1.0

#### enabledSSLCipherSuites

If "useSSL" is set to "true", sets the cipher suites enabled for use on the underlying SSL sockets. This may be required when using external JSSE providers or to specify compatible cipher suites when connecting to newer, more secure, MySQL server versions and running the driver with older JVMs.

Since version: 5.1.35

#### allowLoadLocalInfile

Should the driver allow use of 'LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE...' (defaults to 'true').

Default: true

Since version: 3.0.3

#### allowUrlInLocalInfile

Should the driver allow URLs in 'LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE' statements?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.4

#### allowPublicKeyRetrieval

Allows special handshake roundtrip to get server RSA public key directly from server.

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.31

#### paranoid

Take measures to prevent exposure sensitive information in error messages and clear data structures holding sensitive data when possible? (defaults to 'false')

Default: false

Since version: 3.0.1

#### passwordCharacterEncoding

What character encoding is used for passwords? Leaving this set to the default value (null), uses the value set in "characterEncoding" if there is one, otherwise uses UTF-8 as default encoding. If the password contains non-ASCII characters, the password encoding must match what server encoding was set to when the password was created. For passwords in other character encodings, the encoding will have to be specified with this property (or with "characterEncoding"), as it's not possible for the driver to auto-detect this.

Since version: 5.1.7

#### serverRSAPublicKeyFile

File path to the server RSA public key file for sha256\_password authentication. If not specified, the public key will be retrieved from the server.

Since version: 5.1.31

#### Performance Extensions.

#### **Properties and Descriptions**

#### callableStmtCacheSize

If 'cacheCallableStmts' is enabled, how many callable statements should be cached?

Default: 100

Since version: 3.1.2

#### metadataCacheSize

The number of queries to cache ResultSetMetadata for if cacheResultSetMetaData is set to 'true' (default 50)

Default: 50

Since version: 3.1.1

#### useLocalSessionState

Should the driver refer to the internal values of autocommit and transaction isolation that are set by Connection.setAutoCommit() and Connection.setTransactionIsolation() and transaction state as maintained by the protocol, rather than querying the database or blindly sending commands to the database for commit() or rollback() method calls?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.7

#### useLocalTransactionState

Should the driver use the in-transaction state provided by the MySQL protocol to determine if a commit() or rollback() should actually be sent to the database?

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.7

#### prepStmtCacheSize

If prepared statement caching is enabled, how many prepared statements should be cached?

Default: 25

Since version: 3.0.10

#### prepStmtCacheSqlLimit

If prepared statement caching is enabled, what's the largest SQL the driver will cache the parsing for?

Default: 256

Since version: 3.0.10

#### parseInfoCacheFactory

Name of a class implementing com.mysql.jdbc.CacheAdapterFactory, which will be used to create caches for the parsed representation of client-side prepared statements.

Default: com.mysql.jdbc.PerConnectionLRUFactory

Since version: 5.1.1

#### serverConfigCacheFactory

Name of a class implementing com.mysql.jdbc.CacheAdapterFactory<String, Map<String, String>>, which will be used to create caches for MySQL server configuration values

Default: com.mysql.jdbc.PerVmServerConfigCacheFactory

Since version: 5.1.1

#### alwaysSendSetIsolation

Should the driver always communicate with the database when Connection.setTransactionIsolation() is called? If set to false, the driver will only communicate with the database when the requested transaction isolation is different than the whichever is newer, the last value that was set via Connection.setTransactionIsolation(), or the value that was read from the server when the connection was established. Note that useLocalSessionState=true will force the same behavior as alwaysSendSetIsolation=false, regardless of how alwaysSendSetIsolation is set.

Default: true

Since version: 3.1.7

#### maintainTimeStats

Should the driver maintain various internal timers to enable idle time calculations as well as more verbose error messages when the connection to the server fails? Setting this property to false removes at least two calls to System.getCurrentTimeMillis() per query.

Default: true

Since version: 3.1.9

#### useCursorFetch

If connected to MySQL > 5.0.2, and setFetchSize() > 0 on a statement, should that statement use cursor-based fetching to retrieve rows?

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.0

#### blobSendChunkSize

Chunk size to use when sending BLOB/CLOBs via ServerPreparedStatements. Note that this value cannot exceed the value of "maxAllowedPacket" and, if that is the case, then this value will be corrected automatically.

Default: 1048576

Since version: 3.1.9

#### cacheCallableStmts

Should the driver cache the parsing stage of CallableStatements

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.2

#### cachePrepStmts

Should the driver cache the parsing stage of PreparedStatements of client-side prepared statements, the "check" for suitability of server-side prepared and server-side prepared statements themselves?

Default: false

Since version: 3.0.10

#### cacheResultSetMetadata

Should the driver cache ResultSetMetaData for Statements and PreparedStatements? (Req. JDK-1.4+, true/false, default 'false')

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.1

#### cacheServerConfiguration

Should the driver cache the results of 'SHOW VARIABLES' and 'SHOW COLLATION' on a per-URL

basis?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.5

#### defaultFetchSize

The driver will call setFetchSize(n) with this value on all newly-created Statements

Default: 0

Since version: 3.1.9

#### dontCheckOnDuplicateKeyUpdateInSQL

Stops checking if every INSERT statement contains the "ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE" clause. As a side effect, obtaining the statement's generated keys information will return a list where normally it wouldn't. Also be aware that, in this case, the list of generated keys returned may not be accurate. The effect of this property is canceled if set simultaneously with 'rewriteBatchedStatements=true'.

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.32

#### dontTrackOpenResources

The JDBC specification requires the driver to automatically track and close resources, however if your application doesn't do a good job of explicitly calling close() on statements or result sets, this can cause memory leakage. Setting this property to true relaxes this constraint, and can be more memory efficient for some applications. Also the automatic closing of the Statement and current ResultSet in Statement.closeOnCompletion() and Statement.getMoreResults ([Statement.CLOSE\_CURRENT\_RESULT | Statement.CLOSE\_ALL\_RESULTS]), respectively, ceases to happen. This property automatically sets holdResultsOpenOverStatementClose=true.

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.7

#### dynamicCalendars

Should the driver retrieve the default calendar when required, or cache it per connection/session?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.5

#### elideSetAutoCommits

If using MySQL-4.1 or newer, should the driver only issue 'set autocommit=n' queries when the server's state doesn't match the requested state by Connection.setAutoCommit(boolean)?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.3

## enableQueryTimeouts

When enabled, query timeouts set via Statement.setQueryTimeout() use a shared java.util.Timer instance for scheduling. Even if the timeout doesn't expire before the query is processed, there will be memory used by the TimerTask for the given timeout which won't be reclaimed until the time the timeout would have expired if it hadn't been cancelled by the driver. High-load environments might want to consider disabling this functionality.

Default: true

Since version: 5.0.6

## holdResultsOpenOverStatementClose

Should the driver close result sets on Statement.close() as required by the JDBC specification?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.7

## largeRowSizeThreshold

What size result set row should the JDBC driver consider "large", and thus use a more memory-efficient way of representing the row internally?

Default: 2048

Since version: 5.1.1

## loadBalanceStrategy

If using a load-balanced connection to connect to SQL nodes in a MySQL Cluster/NDB configuration (by using the URL prefix "jdbc:mysql:loadbalance://"), which load balancing algorithm should the driver use: (1) "random" - the driver will pick a random host for each request. This tends to work better than roundrobin, as the randomness will somewhat account for spreading loads where requests vary in response time, while round-robin can sometimes lead to overloaded nodes if there are variations in response times across the workload. (2) "bestResponseTime" - the driver will route the request to the host that had the best response time for the previous transaction.

Default: random

Since version: 5.0.6

### **locatorFetchBufferSize**

If 'emulateLocators' is configured to 'true', what size buffer should be used when fetching BLOB data for getBinaryInputStream?

Default: 1048576

Since version: 3.2.1

## readOnlyPropagatesToServer

Should the driver issue appropriate statements to implicitly set the transaction access mode on server side when Connection.setReadOnly() is called? Setting this property to 'true' enables InnoDB read-only potential optimizations but also requires an extra roundtrip to set the right transaction state. Even if this property is set to 'false', the driver will do its best effort to prevent the execution of database-state-changing queries. Requires minimum of MySQL 5.6.

Default: true

Since version: 5.1.35

## rewriteBatchedStatements

Should the driver use multiqueries (irregardless of the setting of "allowMultiQueries") as well as rewriting of prepared statements for INSERT into multi-value inserts when executeBatch() is called? Notice that this has the potential for SQL injection if using plain java.sql.Statements and your code doesn't sanitize input correctly. Notice that for prepared statements, server-side prepared statements can not currently take advantage of this rewrite option, and that if you don't specify stream lengths when using PreparedStatement.set\*Stream(), the driver won't be able to determine the optimum number of parameters per batch and you might receive an error from the driver that the resultant packet is too large. Statement.getGeneratedKeys() for these rewritten statements only works when the entire batch includes INSERT statements. Please be aware using rewriteBatchedStatements=true with INSERT .. ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE that for rewritten statement server returns only one value as sum of all affected (or found) rows in batch and it isn't possible to map it correctly to initial statements; in this case driver returns 0 as a result of each batch statement if total count was 0, and the Statement.SUCCESS\_NO\_INFO as a result of each batch statement if total count was > 0.

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.13

## useDirectRowUnpack

Use newer result set row unpacking code that skips a copy from network buffers to a MySQL packet instance and instead reads directly into the result set row data buffers.

Default: true

Since version: 5.1.1

## useDynamicCharsetInfo

Should the driver use a per-connection cache of character set information queried from the server when necessary, or use a built-in static mapping that is more efficient, but isn't aware of custom character sets or character sets implemented after the release of the JDBC driver?

Default: true

Since version: 5.0.6

### useFastDateParsing

Use internal String->Date/Time/Timestamp conversion routines to avoid excessive object creation? This is part of the legacy date-time code, thus the property has an effect only when "useLegacyDatetimeCode=true."

Default: true

Since version: 5.0.5

## useFastIntParsing

Use internal String->Integer conversion routines to avoid excessive object creation?

Default: true

Since version: 3.1.4

#### useJvmCharsetConverters

Always use the character encoding routines built into the JVM, rather than using lookup tables for single-byte character sets?

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.1

## useReadAheadInput

Use newer, optimized non-blocking, buffered input stream when reading from the server?

Default: true

Since version: 3.1.5

## Debugging/Profiling.

## **Properties and Descriptions**

#### logger

The name of a class that implements "com.mysql.jdbc.log.Log" that will be used to log messages to. (default is "com.mysql.jdbc.log.StandardLogger", which logs to STDERR)

Default: com.mysql.jdbc.log.StandardLogger

Since version: 3.1.1

## gatherPerfMetrics

Should the driver gather performance metrics, and report them via the configured logger every 'reportMetricsIntervalMillis' milliseconds?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.2

#### profileSQL

Trace queries and their execution/fetch times to the configured logger (true/false) defaults to 'false'

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.0

## profileSql

Deprecated, use 'profileSQL' instead. Trace queries and their execution/fetch times on STDERR (true/false) defaults to 'false'

Since version: 2.0.14

## reportMetricsIntervalMillis

If 'gatherPerfMetrics' is enabled, how often should they be logged (in ms)?

Default: 30000

Since version: 3.1.2

## maxQuerySizeToLog

Controls the maximum length/size of a query that will get logged when profiling or tracing

Default: 2048

Since version: 3.1.3

## packetDebugBufferSize

The maximum number of packets to retain when 'enablePacketDebug' is true

Default: 20

Since version: 3.1.3

### slowQueryThresholdMillis

If 'logSlowQueries' is enabled, how long should a query (in ms) before it is logged as 'slow'?

Default: 2000

Since version: 3.1.2

## slowQueryThresholdNanos

If 'useNanosForElapsedTime' is set to true, and this property is set to a non-zero value, the driver will use this threshold (in nanosecond units) to determine if a query was slow.

Default: 0

Since version: 5.0.7

## useUsageAdvisor

Should the driver issue 'usage' warnings advising proper and efficient usage of JDBC and MySQL Connector/J to the log (true/false, defaults to 'false')?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.1

## autoGenerateTestcaseScript

Should the driver dump the SQL it is executing, including server-side prepared statements to STDERR?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.9

## autoSlowLog

Instead of using slowQueryThreshold\* to determine if a query is slow enough to be logged, maintain statistics that allow the driver to determine queries that are outside the 99th percentile?

Default: true

Since version: 5.1.4

### clientInfoProvider

The name of a class that implements the com.mysql.jdbc.JDBC4ClientInfoProvider interface in order to support JDBC-4.0's Connection.get/setClientInfo() methods

Default: com.mysql.jdbc.JDBC4CommentClientInfoProvider

Since version: 5.1.0

## dumpMetadataOnColumnNotFound

Should the driver dump the field-level metadata of a result set into the exception message when ResultSet.findColumn() fails?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.13

## dumpQueriesOnException

Should the driver dump the contents of the query sent to the server in the message for SQLExceptions?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.3

### enablePacketDebug

When enabled, a ring-buffer of 'packetDebugBufferSize' packets will be kept, and dumped when exceptions are thrown in key areas in the driver's code

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.3

## explainSlowQueries

If 'logSlowQueries' is enabled, should the driver automatically issue an 'EXPLAIN' on the server and send the results to the configured log at a WARN level?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.2

## includeInnodbStatusInDeadlockExceptions

Include the output of "SHOW ENGINE INNODB STATUS" in exception messages when deadlock exceptions are detected?

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.7

## includeThreadDumpInDeadlockExceptions

Include a current Java thread dump in exception messages when deadlock exceptions are detected?

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.15

### includeThreadNamesAsStatementComment

Include the name of the current thread as a comment visible in "SHOW PROCESSLIST", or in Innodb deadlock dumps, useful in correlation with "includeInnodbStatusInDeadlockExceptions=true" and "includeThreadDumpInDeadlockExceptions=true".

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.15

## **logSlowQueries**

Should queries that take longer than 'slowQueryThresholdMillis' be logged?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.2

## **logXaCommands**

Should the driver log XA commands sent by MysqlXaConnection to the server, at the DEBUG level of logging?

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.5

### profilerEventHandler

Name of a class that implements the interface com.mysql.jdbc.profiler.ProfilerEventHandler that will be used to handle profiling/tracing events.

Default: com.mysql.jdbc.profiler.LoggingProfilerEventHandler

Since version: 5.1.6

## resultSetSizeThreshold

If the usage advisor is enabled, how many rows should a result set contain before the driver warns that it is suspiciously large?

Default: 100

Since version: 5.0.5

### traceProtocol

Should trace-level network protocol be logged?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.2

## useNanosForElapsedTime

For profiling/debugging functionality that measures elapsed time, should the driver try to use nanoseconds resolution if available (JDK >= 1.5)?

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.7

#### Miscellaneous.

## **Properties and Descriptions**

### useUnicode

Should the driver use Unicode character encodings when handling strings? Should only be used when the driver can't determine the character set mapping, or you are trying to 'force' the driver to use a character set that MySQL either doesn't natively support (such as UTF-8), true/false, defaults to 'true'

Default: true

Since version: 1.1g

## characterEncoding

If 'useUnicode' is set to true, what character encoding should the driver use when dealing with strings? (defaults is to 'autodetect')

Since version: 1.1g

#### characterSetResults

Character set to tell the server to return results as.

Since version: 3.0.13

## connectionAttributes

A comma-delimited list of user-defined key:value pairs (in addition to standard MySQL-defined key:value pairs) to be passed to MySQL Server for display as connection attributes in the PERFORMANCE\_SCHEMA.SESSION\_CONNECT\_ATTRS table. Example usage: connectionAttributes=key1:value1,key2:value2 This functionality is available for use with MySQL Server version 5.6 or later only. Earlier versions of MySQL Server do not support connection attributes, causing this configuration option will be ignored. Setting connectionAttributes=none will cause connection attribute processing to be bypassed, for situations where Connection creation/initialization speed is critical.

Since version: 5.1.25

#### connectionCollation

If set, tells the server to use this collation via 'set collation\_connection'

Since version: 3.0.13

### useBlobToStoreUTF8OutsideBMP

Tells the driver to treat [MEDIUM/LONG]BLOB columns as [LONG]VARCHAR columns holding text encoded in UTF-8 that has characters outside the BMP (4-byte encodings), which MySQL server can't handle natively.

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.3

### utf8OutsideBmpExcludedColumnNamePattern

When "useBlobToStoreUTF8OutsideBMP" is set to "true", column names matching the given regex will still be treated as BLOBs unless they match the regex specified for "utf8OutsideBmpIncludedColumnNamePattern". The regex must follow the patterns used for the java.util.regex package.

Since version: 5.1.3

## utf8OutsideBmpIncludedColumnNamePattern

Used to specify exclusion rules to "utf8OutsideBmpExcludedColumnNamePattern". The regex must follow the patterns used for the java.util.regex package.

Since version: 5.1.3

#### **loadBalanceEnableJMX**

Enables JMX-based management of load-balanced connection groups, including live addition/removal of hosts from load-balancing pool.

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.13

#### sessionVariables

A comma-separated list of name/value pairs to be sent as SET SESSION ... to the server when the driver connects.

Since version: 3.1.8

#### useColumnNamesInFindColumn

Prior to JDBC-4.0, the JDBC specification had a bug related to what could be given as a "column name" to ResultSet methods like findColumn(), or getters that took a String property. JDBC-4.0 clarified "column name" to mean the label, as given in an "AS" clause and returned by ResultSetMetaData.getColumnLabel(), and if no AS clause, the column name. Setting this property to "true" will give behavior that is congruent to JDBC-3.0 and earlier versions of the JDBC specification, but which because of the specification bug could give unexpected results. This property is preferred over "useOldAliasMetadataBehavior" unless you need the specific behavior that it provides with respect to ResultSetMetadata.

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.7

### allowNanAndInf

Should the driver allow NaN or +/- INF values in PreparedStatement.setDouble()?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.5

#### autoClosePStmtStreams

Should the driver automatically call .close() on streams/readers passed as arguments via set\*() methods?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.12

#### autoDeserialize

Should the driver automatically detect and de-serialize objects stored in BLOB fields?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.5

## blobsAreStrings

Should the driver always treat BLOBs as Strings - specifically to work around dubious metadata returned by the server for GROUP BY clauses?

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.8

## cacheDefaultTimezone

Caches client's default time zone. This results in better performance when dealing with time zone conversions in Date and Time data types, however it won't be aware of time zone changes if they happen at runtime.

Default: true

Since version: 5.1.35

## capitalizeTypeNames

Capitalize type names in DatabaseMetaData? (usually only useful when using WebObjects, true/false, defaults to 'false')

Default: true

Since version: 2.0.7

## clobCharacterEncoding

The character encoding to use for sending and retrieving TEXT, MEDIUMTEXT and LONGTEXT values instead of the configured connection characterEncoding

Since version: 5.0.0

## clobberStreamingResults

This will cause a 'streaming' ResultSet to be automatically closed, and any outstanding data still streaming from the server to be discarded if another query is executed before all the data has been read from the server.

Default: false

Since version: 3.0.9

## compensateOnDuplicateKeyUpdateCounts

Should the driver compensate for the update counts of "ON DUPLICATE KEY" INSERT statements (2 = 1, 0 = 1) when using prepared statements?

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.7

#### continueBatchOnError

Should the driver continue processing batch commands if one statement fails. The JDBC spec allows either way (defaults to 'true').

Default: true

Since version: 3.0.3

#### createDatabaseIfNotExist

Creates the database given in the URL if it doesn't yet exist. Assumes the configured user has permissions to create databases.

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.9

#### detectCustomCollations

Should the driver detect custom charsets/collations installed on server (true/false, defaults to 'false'). If this option set to 'true' driver gets actual charsets/collations from server each time connection establishes. This could slow down connection initialization significantly.

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.29

## emptyStringsConvertToZero

Should the driver allow conversions from empty string fields to numeric values of '0'?

Default: true

Since version: 3.1.8

#### emulateLocators

Should the driver emulate java.sql.Blobs with locators? With this feature enabled, the driver will delay loading the actual Blob data until the one of the retrieval methods (getInputStream(), getBytes(), and so forth) on the blob data stream has been accessed. For this to work, you must use a column alias with the value of the column to the actual name of the Blob. The feature also has the following restrictions: The

SELECT that created the result set must reference only one table, the table must have a primary key; the SELECT must alias the original blob column name, specified as a string, to an alternate name; the SELECT must cover all columns that make up the primary key.

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.0

## emulateUnsupportedPstmts

Should the driver detect prepared statements that are not supported by the server, and replace them with client-side emulated versions?

Default: true

Since version: 3.1.7

## exceptionInterceptors

Comma-delimited list of classes that implement com.mysql.jdbc.ExceptionInterceptor. These classes will be instantiated one per Connection instance, and all SQLExceptions thrown by the driver will be allowed to be intercepted by these interceptors, in a chained fashion, with the first class listed as the head of the chain.

Since version: 5.1.8

### functionsNeverReturnBlobs

Should the driver always treat data from functions returning BLOBs as Strings - specifically to work around dubious metadata returned by the server for GROUP BY clauses?

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.8

#### generateSimpleParameterMetadata

Should the driver generate simplified parameter metadata for PreparedStatements when no metadata is available either because the server couldn't support preparing the statement, or server-side prepared statements are disabled?

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.5

## getProceduresReturnsFunctions

Pre-JDBC4 DatabaseMetaData API has only the getProcedures() and getProcedureColumns() methods, so they return metadata info for both stored procedures and functions. JDBC4 was extended with the getFunctions() and getFunctionColumns() methods and the expected behaviours of previous methods are not well defined. For JDBC4 and higher, default 'true' value of the option means that calls of DatabaseMetaData.getProcedures() and DatabaseMetaData.getProcedureColumns() return metadata for both procedures and functions as before, keeping backward compatibility. Setting this property to 'false' decouples Connector/J from its pre-JDBC4 behaviours for DatabaseMetaData.getProcedureS() and DatabaseMetaData.getProcedureColumns(), forcing them to return metadata for procedures only.

Default: true

Since version: 5.1.26

## ignoreNonTxTables

Ignore non-transactional table warning for rollback? (defaults to 'false').

Default: false

Since version: 3.0.9

## jdbcCompliantTruncation

Should the driver throw java.sql.DataTruncation exceptions when data is truncated as is required by the JDBC specification when connected to a server that supports warnings (MySQL 4.1.0 and newer)? This property has no effect if the server sql-mode includes STRICT TRANS TABLES.

Default: true

Since version: 3.1.2

## **loadBalanceAutoCommitStatementRegex**

When load-balancing is enabled for auto-commit statements (via

loadBalanceAutoCommitStatementThreshold), the statement counter will only increment when the SQL matches the regular expression. By default, every statement issued matches.

Since version: 5.1.15

#### loadBalanceAutoCommitStatementThreshold

When auto-commit is enabled, the number of statements which should be executed before triggering load-balancing to rebalance. Default value of 0 causes load-balanced connections to only rebalance when exceptions are encountered, or auto-commit is disabled and transactions are explicitly committed or rolled back.

Default: 0

Since version: 5.1.15

#### **loadBalanceBlacklistTimeout**

Time in milliseconds between checks of servers which are unavailable, by controlling how long a server lives in the global blacklist.

Default: 0

Since version: 5.1.0

#### IoadBalanceConnectionGroup

Logical group of load-balanced connections within a classloader, used to manage different groups independently. If not specified, live management of load-balanced connections is disabled.

Since version: 5.1.13

### IoadBalanceExceptionChecker

Fully-qualified class name of custom exception checker. The class must implement com.mysql.jdbc.LoadBalanceExceptionChecker interface, and is used to inspect SQLExceptions and determine whether they should trigger fail-over to another host in a load-balanced deployment.

Default: com.mysql.jdbc.StandardLoadBalanceExceptionChecker

Since version: 5.1.13

## IoadBalancePingTimeout

Time in milliseconds to wait for ping response from each of load-balanced physical connections when using load-balanced Connection.

Default: 0

Since version: 5.1.13

## loadBalanceSQLExceptionSubclassFailover

Comma-delimited list of classes/interfaces used by default load-balanced exception checker to determine whether a given SQLException should trigger failover. The comparison is done using Class.isInstance(SQLException) using the thrown SQLException.

Since version: 5.1.13

### **loadBalanceSQLStateFailover**

Comma-delimited list of SQLState codes used by default load-balanced exception checker to determine whether a given SQLException should trigger failover. The SQLState of a given SQLException is evaluated to determine whether it begins with any value in the comma-delimited list.

Since version: 5.1.13

## IoadBalanceValidateConnectionOnSwapServer

Should the load-balanced Connection explicitly check whether the connection is live when swapping to a new physical connection at commit/rollback?

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.13

#### maxRows

The maximum number of rows to return (0, the default means return all rows).

Default: -1

Since version: all versions

## netTimeoutForStreamingResults

What value should the driver automatically set the server setting 'net\_write\_timeout' to when the streaming result sets feature is in use? (value has unit of seconds, the value '0' means the driver will not try and adjust this value)

Default: 600

Since version: 5.1.0

## noAccessToProcedureBodies

When determining procedure parameter types for CallableStatements, and the connected user can't access procedure bodies through "SHOW CREATE PROCEDURE" or select on mysql.proc should the driver instead create basic metadata (all parameters reported as IN VARCHARs, but allowing registerOutParameter() to be called on them anyway) instead of throwing an exception?

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.3

## noDatetimeStringSync

Don't ensure that ResultSet.getDatetimeType().toString().equals(ResultSet.getString())

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.7

## noTimezoneConversionForDateType

Don't convert DATE values using the server time zone if 'useTimezone'='true' or 'useLegacyDatetimeCode'='false'

Default: true

Since version: 5.1.35

### noTimezoneConversionForTimeType

Don't convert TIME values using the server time zone if 'useTimezone'='true'

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.0

## nullCatalogMeansCurrent

When DatabaseMetadataMethods ask for a 'catalog' parameter, does the value null mean use the current catalog? (this is not JDBC-compliant, but follows legacy behavior from earlier versions of the driver)

Default: true

Since version: 3.1.8

#### nullNamePatternMatchesAll

Should DatabaseMetaData methods that accept \*pattern parameters treat null the same as '%' (this is not JDBC-compliant, however older versions of the driver accepted this departure from the specification)

Default: true

Since version: 3.1.8

### overrideSupportsIntegrityEnhancementFacility

Should the driver return "true" for DatabaseMetaData.supportsIntegrityEnhancementFacility() even if the database doesn't support it to workaround applications that require this method to return "true" to signal

support of foreign keys, even though the SQL specification states that this facility contains much more than just foreign key support (one such application being OpenOffice)?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.12

## padCharsWithSpace

If a result set column has the CHAR type and the value does not fill the amount of characters specified in the DDL for the column, should the driver pad the remaining characters with space (for ANSI compliance)?

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.6

## pedantic

Follow the JDBC spec to the letter.

Default: false

Since version: 3.0.0

## pinGlobalTxToPhysicalConnection

When using XAConnections, should the driver ensure that operations on a given XID are always routed to the same physical connection? This allows the XAConnection to support "XA START ... JOIN" after "XA END" has been called

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.1

## populateInsertRowWithDefaultValues

When using ResultSets that are CONCUR\_UPDATABLE, should the driver pre-populate the "insert" row with default values from the DDL for the table used in the query so those values are immediately available for ResultSet accessors? This functionality requires a call to the database for metadata each time a result set of this type is created. If disabled (the default), the default values will be populated by the an internal call to refreshRow() which pulls back default values and/or values changed by triggers.

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.5

## processEscapeCodesForPrepStmts

Should the driver process escape codes in queries that are prepared?

Default: true

Since version: 3.1.12

### queryTimeoutKillsConnection

If the timeout given in Statement.setQueryTimeout() expires, should the driver forcibly abort the Connection instead of attempting to abort the query?

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.9

### relaxAutoCommit

If the version of MySQL the driver connects to does not support transactions, still allow calls to commit(), rollback() and setAutoCommit() (true/false, defaults to 'false')?

Default: false

Since version: 2.0.13

### retainStatementAfterResultSetClose

Should the driver retain the Statement reference in a ResultSet after ResultSet.close() has been called. This is not JDBC-compliant after JDBC-4.0.

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.11

#### rollbackOnPooledClose

Should the driver issue a rollback() when the logical connection in a pool is closed?

Default: true

Since version: 3.0.15

## runningCTS13

Enables workarounds for bugs in Sun's JDBC compliance testsuite version 1.3

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.7

#### serverTimezone

Override detection/mapping of time zone. Used when time zone from server doesn't map to Java time zone

Since version: 3.0.2

## statementInterceptors

A comma-delimited list of classes that implement "com.mysql.jdbc.StatementInterceptor" that should be placed "in between" query execution to influence the results. StatementInterceptors are "chainable", the results returned by the "current" interceptor will be passed on to the next in in the chain, from left-to-right order, as specified in this property.

Since version: 5.1.1

## strictFloatingPoint

Used only in older versions of compliance test

Default: false

Since version: 3.0.0

## strictUpdates

Should the driver do strict checking (all primary keys selected) of updatable result sets (true, false, defaults to 'true')?

Default: true

Since version: 3.0.4

## tinyInt1isBit

Should the driver treat the datatype TINYINT(1) as the BIT type (because the server silently converts BIT -> TINYINT(1) when creating tables)?

Default: true

Since version: 3.0.16

#### transformedBitIsBoolean

If the driver converts TINYINT(1) to a different type, should it use BOOLEAN instead of BIT for future compatibility with MySQL-5.0, as MySQL-5.0 has a BIT type?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.9

#### treatUtilDateAsTimestamp

Should the driver treat java.util.Date as a TIMESTAMP for the purposes of PreparedStatement.setObject()?

Default: true

Since version: 5.0.5

## ultraDevHack

Create PreparedStatements for prepareCall() when required, because UltraDev is broken and issues a prepareCall() for \_all\_ statements? (true/false, defaults to 'false')

Default: false

Since version: 2.0.3

### useAffectedRows

Don't set the CLIENT\_FOUND\_ROWS flag when connecting to the server (not JDBC-compliant, will break most applications that rely on "found" rows vs. "affected rows" for DML statements), but does cause "correct" update counts from "INSERT ... ON DUPLICATE KEY UPDATE" statements to be returned by the server.

Default: false

Since version: 5.1.7

## useGmtMillisForDatetimes

Convert between session time zone and GMT before creating Date and Timestamp instances (value of 'false' leads to legacy behavior, 'true' leads to more JDBC-compliant behavior)? This is part of the legacy date-time code, thus the property has an effect only when "useLegacyDatetimeCode=true."

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.12

## useHostsInPrivileges

Add '@hostname' to users in DatabaseMetaData.getColumn/TablePrivileges() (true/false), defaults to 'true'.

Default: true

Since version: 3.0.2

## useInformationSchema

When connected to MySQL-5.0.7 or newer, should the driver use the INFORMATION\_SCHEMA to derive information used by DatabaseMetaData?

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.0

## useJDBCCompliantTimezoneShift

Should the driver use JDBC-compliant rules when converting TIME/TIMESTAMP/DATETIME values' time zone information for those JDBC arguments which take a java.util.Calendar argument? This is part of the legacy date-time code, thus the property has an effect only when "useLegacyDatetimeCode=true."

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.0

## useLegacyDatetimeCode

Use code for DATE/TIME/DATETIME/TIMESTAMP handling in result sets and statements that consistently handles time zone conversions from client to server and back again, or use the legacy code for these datatypes that has been in the driver for backwards-compatibility? Setting this property to 'false' voids the effects of "useTimezone," "useJDBCCompliantTimezoneShift," "useGmtMillisForDatetimes," and "useFastDateParsing."

Default: true

Since version: 5.1.6

#### useOldAliasMetadataBehavior

Should the driver use the legacy behavior for "AS" clauses on columns and tables, and only return aliases (if any) for ResultSetMetaData.getColumnName() or ResultSetMetaData.getTableName() rather than the original column/table name? In 5.0.x, the default value was true.

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.4

## useOldUTF8Behavior

Use the UTF-8 behavior the driver did when communicating with 4.0 and older servers

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.6

## useOnlyServerErrorMessages

Don't prepend 'standard' SQLState error messages to error messages returned by the server.

Default: true

Since version: 3.0.15

## useSSPSCompatibleTimezoneShift

If migrating from an environment that was using server-side prepared statements, and the configuration property "useJDBCCompliantTimeZoneShift" set to "true", use compatible behavior when not using server-side prepared statements when sending TIMESTAMP values to the MySQL server.

Default: false

Since version: 5.0.5

## useServerPrepStmts

Use server-side prepared statements if the server supports them?

Default: false

Since version: 3.1.0

## useSqlStateCodes

Use SQL Standard state codes instead of 'legacy' X/Open/SQL state codes (true/false), default is 'true'

Default: true

Since version: 3.1.3

## useStreamLengthsInPrepStmts

Honor stream length parameter in PreparedStatement/ResultSet.setXXXStream() method calls (true/false, defaults to 'true')?

Default: true

Since version: 3.0.2

## useTimezone

Convert time/date types between client and server time zones (true/false, defaults to 'false')? This is part of the legacy date-time code, thus the property has an effect only when "useLegacyDatetimeCode=true."

Default: false

Since version: 3.0.2

## useUnbufferedInput

Don't use BufferedInputStream for reading data from the server

Default: true

Since version: 3.0.11

## yearlsDateType

Should the JDBC driver treat the MySQL type "YEAR" as a java.sql.Date, or as a SHORT?

Default: true

Since version: 3.1.9

## zeroDateTimeBehavior

What should happen when the driver encounters DATETIME values that are composed entirely of zeros (used by MySQL to represent invalid dates)? Valid values are "exception", "round" and "convertToNull".

Default: exception

Since version: 3.1.4

Connector/J also supports access to MySQL using named pipes on Windows NT, Windows 2000, or Windows XP using the NamedPipeSocketFactory as a plugin-socket factory using the socketFactory property. If you do not use a namedPipePath property, the default of '\\.\pipe \MySQL' is used. If you use the NamedPipeSocketFactory, the host name and port number values in the JDBC URL are ignored. To enable this feature, use:

```
socketFactory=com.mysql.jdbc.NamedPipeSocketFactory
```

Named pipes only work when connecting to a MySQL server on the same physical machine where the JDBC driver is running. In simple performance tests, named pipe access is between 30%-50% faster than the standard TCP/IP access. However, this varies per system, and named pipes are slower than TCP/IP in many Windows configurations.

To create your own socket factories, follow the example code in com.mysql.jdbc.NamedPipeSocketFactory, Or com.mysql.jdbc.StandardSocketFactory.

## 5.1.1 Properties Files for the useConfigs Option

The useConfigs connection option is convenient shorthand for specifying combinations of options for particular scenarios. The argument values you can use with this option correspond to the names of .properties files within the Connector/J mysql-connector-java-version-bin.jar JAR file. For example, the Connector/J 5.1.9 driver includes the following configuration properties files:

```
$ unzip mysql-connector-java-5.1.19-bin.jar '*/configs/*'
Archive: mysql-connector-java-5.1.19-bin.jar
    creating: com/mysql/jdbc/configs/
    inflating: com/mysql/jdbc/configs/3-0-Compat.properties
    inflating: com/mysql/jdbc/configs/5-0-Compat.properties
    inflating: com/mysql/jdbc/configs/clusterBase.properties
    inflating: com/mysql/jdbc/configs/coldFusion.properties
    inflating: com/mysql/jdbc/configs/fullDebug.properties
    inflating: com/mysql/jdbc/configs/maxPerformance.properties
    inflating: com/mysql/jdbc/configs/solarisMaxPerformance.properties
```

To specify one of these combinations of options, specify useConfigs=3-0-Compat, useConfigs=maxPerformance, and so on. The following sections show the options that are part of each useConfigs setting. For the details of why each one is included, see the comments in the .properties files.

## 3-0-Compat

emptyStringsConvertToZero=true
jdbcCompliantTruncation=false
noDatetimeStringSync=true
nullCatalogMeansCurrent=true
nullNamePatternMatchesAll=true
transformedBitIsBoolean=false
dontTrackOpenResources=true
zeroDateTimeBehavior=convertToNull
useServerPrepStmts=false
autoClosePStmtStreams=true
processEscapeCodesForPrepStmts=false
useFastDateParsing=false
populateInsertRowWithDefaultValues=false
useDirectRowUnpack=false

## 5-0-Compat

useDirectRowUnpack=false

#### clusterBase

autoReconnect=true
failOverReadOnly=false
roundRobinLoadBalance=true

### coldFusion

useDynamicCharsetInfo=false
alwaysSendSetIsolation=false
useLocalSessionState=true
autoReconnect=true

## fullDebug

profileSQL=true gatherPerfMetrics=true useUsageAdvisor=true logSlowQueries=true explainSlowQueries=true

## maxPerformance

cachePrepStmts=true cacheCallableStmts=true cacheServerConfiguration=true useLocalSessionState=true elideSetAutoCommits=true alwaysSendSetIsolation=false enableQueryTimeouts=false

## solarisMaxPerformance

useUnbufferedInput=false useReadAheadInput=false maintainTimeStats=false

## **5.2 JDBC API Implementation Notes**

MySQL Connector/J, as a rigorous implementation of the JDBC API, passes all of the tests in the publicly available version of Oracle's JDBC compliance test suite. The JDBC specification is flexible on how certain functionality should be implemented. This section gives details on an interface-by-interface level about implementation decisions that might affect how you code applications with MySQL Connector/J.

#### BLOB

Starting with Connector/J version 3.1.0, you can emulate BLOBs with locators by adding the property emulateLocators=true to your JDBC URL. Using this method, the driver will delay loading the actual BLOB data until you retrieve the other data and then use retrieval methods (getInputStream(), getBytes(), and so forth) on the BLOB data stream.

You must use a column alias with the value of the column to the actual name of the BLOB, for example:

```
SELECT id, 'data' as blob_data from blobtable
```

You must also follow these rules:

- The SELECT must reference only one table. The table must have a primary key.
- The SELECT must alias the original BLOB column name, specified as a string, to an alternate name.
- The SELECT must cover all columns that make up the primary key.

The BLOB implementation does not allow in-place modification (they are copies, as reported by the <code>DatabaseMetaData.locatorsUpdateCopies()</code> method). Because of this, use the corresponding <code>PreparedStatement.setBlob()</code> or <code>ResultSet.updateBlob()</code> (in the case of updatable result sets) methods to save changes back to the database.

## CallableStatement

Starting with Connector/J 3.1.1, stored procedures are supported when connecting to MySQL version 5.0 or newer using the CallableStatement interface. Currently, the getParameterMetaData() method of CallableStatement is not supported.

#### CLOB

The CLOB implementation does not allow in-place modification (they are copies, as reported by the DatabaseMetaData.locatorsUpdateCopies() method). Because of this, use the PreparedStatement.setClob() method to save changes back to the database. The JDBC API does not have a ResultSet.updateClob() method.

#### Connection

Unlike the pre-Connector/J JDBC driver (MM.MySQL), the isclosed() method does not ping the server to determine if it is available. In accordance with the JDBC specification, it only returns true if closed() has been called on the connection. If you need to determine if the connection is still valid, issue a simple query, such as SELECT 1. The driver will throw an exception if the connection is no longer valid.

#### DatabaseMetaData

Foreign key information (getImportedKeys()/getExportedKeys() and getCrossReference()) is only available from InnoDB tables. The driver uses SHOW CREATE TABLE to retrieve this information, so if any other storage engines add support for foreign keys, the driver would transparently support them as well.

## PreparedStatement

PreparedStatements are implemented by the driver, as MySQL does not have a prepared statement feature. Because of this, the driver does not implement getParameterMetaData() or getMetaData() as it would require the driver to have a complete SQL parser in the client.

Starting with version 3.1.0 MySQL Connector/J, server-side prepared statements and binary-encoded result sets are used when the server supports them.

Take care when using a server-side prepared statement with **large** parameters that are set using setBinaryStream(), setAsciiStream(), setUnicodeStream(), setBlob(), or setClob(). To re-execute the statement with any large parameter changed to a nonlarge parameter, call clearParameters() and set all parameters again. The reason for this is as follows:

- During both server-side prepared statements and client-side emulation, large data is exchanged only when PreparedStatement.execute() is called.
- Once that has been done, the stream used to read the data on the client side is closed (as per the JDBC spec), and cannot be read from again.
- If a parameter changes from large to nonlarge, the driver must reset the server-side state of the
  prepared statement to allow the parameter that is being changed to take the place of the prior large
  value. This removes all of the large data that has already been sent to the server, thus requiring the
  data to be re-sent, using the setBinaryStream(), setAsciiStream(), setUnicodeStream(),
  setBlob() or setClob() method.

Consequently, to change the type of a parameter to a nonlarge one, you must call clearParameters() and set all parameters of the prepared statement again before it can be reexecuted.

## ResultSet

By default, ResultSets are completely retrieved and stored in memory. In most cases this is the most efficient way to operate and, due to the design of the MySQL network protocol, is easier to implement. If you are working with ResultSets that have a large number of rows or large values and cannot allocate heap space in your JVM for the memory required, you can tell the driver to stream the results back one row at a time.

To enable this functionality, create a Statement instance in the following manner:

The combination of a forward-only, read-only result set, with a fetch size of Integer.MIN\_VALUE serves as a signal to the driver to stream result sets row-by-row. After this, any result sets created with the statement will be retrieved row-by-row.

There are some caveats with this approach. You must read all of the rows in the result set (or close it) before you can issue any other queries on the connection, or an exception will be thrown.

The earliest the locks these statements hold can be released (whether they be MyISAM table-level locks or row-level locks in some other storage engine such as InnoDB) is when the statement completes.

If the statement is within scope of a transaction, then locks are released when the transaction completes (which implies that the statement needs to complete first). As with most other databases, statements are not complete until all the results pending on the statement are read or the active result set for the statement is closed.

Therefore, if using streaming results, process them as quickly as possible if you want to maintain concurrent access to the tables referenced by the statement producing the result set.

#### ResultSetMetaData

The isAutoIncrement() method only works when using MySQL servers 4.0 and newer.

#### Statement

When using versions of the JDBC driver earlier than 3.2.1, and connected to server versions earlier than 5.0.3, the setFetchSize() method has no effect, other than to toggle result set streaming as described above.

Connector/J 5.0.0 and later include support for both Statement.cancel() and Statement.setQueryTimeout(). Both require MySQL 5.0.0 or newer server, and require a separate connection to issue the KILL QUERY statement. In the case of setQueryTimeout(), the implementation creates an additional thread to handle the timeout functionality.

#### Note

Failures to cancel the statement for <code>setQueryTimeout()</code> may manifest themselves as <code>RuntimeException</code> rather than failing silently, as there is currently no way to unblock the thread that is executing the query being cancelled due to timeout expiration and have it throw the exception instead.

#### Note

The MySQL statement KILL QUERY (which is what the driver uses to implement Statement.cancel()) is non-deterministic; thus, avoid the use of Statement.cancel() if possible. If no query is in process, the next query issued will be killed by the server. This race condition is guarded against as of Connector/J 5.1.18.

MySQL does not support SQL cursors, and the JDBC driver doesn't emulate them, so setCursorName() has no effect.

Connector/J 5.1.3 and later include two additional methods:

• setLocalInfileInputStream() sets an InputStream instance that will be used to send data to the MySQL server for a LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE statement rather than a FileInputStream or URLInputStream that represents the path given as an argument to the statement.

This stream will be read to completion upon execution of a LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE statement, and will automatically be closed by the driver, so it needs to be reset before each call to execute\*()

that would cause the MySQL server to request data to fulfill the request for LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE.

If this value is set to NULL, the driver will revert to using a FileInputStream or URLInputStream as required.

• getLocalInfileInputStream() returns the InputStream instance that will be used to send data in response to a LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE statement.

This method returns NULL if no such stream has been set using setLocalInfileInputStream().

## 5.3 Java, JDBC and MySQL Types

MySQL Connector/J is flexible in the way it handles conversions between MySQL data types and Java data types.

In general, any MySQL data type can be converted to a <code>java.lang.String</code>, and any numeric type can be converted to any of the Java numeric types, although round-off, overflow, or loss of precision may occur.

#### **Note**

All TEXT types return Types.LONGVARCHAR with different getPrecision() values (65535, 255, 16777215, and 2147483647 respectively) with getColumnType() returning -1. This behavior is intentional even though TINYTEXT does not fall, regarding to its size, within the LONGVARCHAR category. This is to avoid different handling inside the same base type. And getColumnType() returns -1 because the internal server handling is of type TEXT, which is similar to BLOB.

Also note that getColumnTypeName() will return VARCHAR even though getColumnType() returns Types.LONGVARCHAR, because VARCHAR is the designated column database-specific name for this type.

Starting with Connector/J 3.1.0, the JDBC driver issues warnings or throws DataTruncation exceptions as is required by the JDBC specification unless the connection was configured not to do so by using the property jdbcCompliantTruncation and setting it to false.

The conversions that are always guaranteed to work are listed in the following table. The first column lists one or more MySQL data types, and the second column lists one or more Java types to which the MySQL types can be converted.

**Table 5.1 Connection Properties - Miscellaneous** 

These MySQL Data Types	Can always be converted to these Java types
CHAR, VARCHAR, BLOB, TEXT, ENUM, and SET	<pre>java.lang.String, java.io.InputStream, java.io.Reader, java.sql.Blob, java.sql.Clob</pre>
FLOAT, REAL, DOUBLE PRECISION, NUMERIC, DECIMAL, TINYINT, SMALLINT, MEDIUMINT, INTEGER, BIGINT	<pre>java.lang.String, java.lang.Short, java.lang.Integer, java.lang.Long, java.lang.Double, java.math.BigDecimal</pre>
DATE, TIME, DATETIME, TIMESTAMP	<pre>java.lang.String, java.sql.Date, java.sql.Timestamp</pre>

## Note

Round-off, overflow or loss of precision may occur if you choose a Java numeric data type that has less precision or capacity than the MySQL data type you are converting to/from.

The ResultSet.getObject() method uses the type conversions between MySQL and Java types, following the JDBC specification where appropriate. The value returned by ResultSetMetaData.GetColumnClassName() is also shown below. For more information on the JDBC types, see the reference on the java.sql.Types class.

Table 5.2 MySQL Types to Java Types for ResultSet.getObject()

MySQL Type Name	Return value of GetColumnClassName	Returned as Java Class
BIT(1) (new in MySQL-5.0)	BIT	java.lang.Boolean
BIT( > 1) (new in MySQL-5.0)	BIT	byte[]
TINYINT	TINYINT	java.lang.Boolean if the configuration property tinyIntlisBit is set to true (the default) and the storage size is 1, or java.lang.Integer if not.
BOOL, BOOLEAN	TINYINT	See TINYINT, above as these are aliases for TINYINT(1), currently.
SMALLINT[(M)] [UNSIGNED]	SMALLINT [UNSIGNED]	java.lang.Integer (regardless if UNSIGNED or not)
MEDIUMINT[(M)] [UNSIGNED]	MEDIUMINT [UNSIGNED]	java.lang.Integer, if UNSIGNED java.lang.Long (C/J 3.1 and earlier), or java.lang.Integer for C/J 5.0 and later
<pre>INT,INTEGER[(M)] [UNSIGNED]</pre>	INTEGER [UNSIGNED]	java.lang.Integer, if UNSIGNED java.lang.Long
BIGINT[(M)] [UNSIGNED]	BIGINT [UNSIGNED]	java.lang.Long, if UNSIGNED java.math.BigInteger
FLOAT[(M,D)]	FLOAT	java.lang.Float
DOUBLE[(M,B)]	DOUBLE	java.lang.Double
DECIMAL[(M[,D])]	DECIMAL	java.math.BigDecimal
DATE	DATE	java.sql.Date
DATETIME	DATETIME	java.sql.Timestamp
TIMESTAMP[(M)]	TIMESTAMP	java.sql.Timestamp
TIME	TIME	java.sql.Time
YEAR[(2 4)]	YEAR	If yearIsDateType configuration property is set to false, then the returned object type is java.sql.Short. If set to true (the default), then the returned object is of type java.sql.Date with the date set to January 1st, at midnight.
CHAR(M)	CHAR	java.lang.String (unless the character set for the column is BINARY, then byte[] is returned.

MySQL Type Name	Return value of GetColumnClassName	Returned as Java Class
VARCHAR(M) [BINARY]	VARCHAR	java.lang.String (unless the character set for the column is BINARY, then byte[] is returned.
BINARY(M)	BINARY	byte[]
VARBINARY(M)	VARBINARY	byte[]
TINYBLOB	TINYBLOB	byte[]
TINYTEXT	VARCHAR	java.lang.String
BLOB	BLOB	byte[]
TEXT	VARCHAR	java.lang.String
MEDIUMBLOB	MEDIUMBLOB	byte[]
MEDIUMTEXT	VARCHAR	java.lang.String
LONGBLOB	LONGBLOB	byte[]
LONGTEXT	VARCHAR	java.lang.String
ENUM('value1','value	2HAR)	java.lang.String
SET('value1','value	СHAR.)	java.lang.String

## 5.4 Using Character Sets and Unicode

All strings sent from the JDBC driver to the server are converted automatically from native Java Unicode form to the client character encoding, including all queries sent using Statement.execute(), Statement.executeQuery() as well as all PreparedStatement and CallableStatement parameters with the exclusion of parameters set using setBytes(), setBinaryStream(), setAsciiStream(), setUnicodeStream() and setBlob().

## **Number of Encodings Per Connection**

In MySQL Server 4.1 and higher, Connector/J supports a single character encoding between client and server, and any number of character encodings for data returned by the server to the client in ResultSets.

Prior to MySQL Server 4.1, Connector/J supported a single character encoding per connection, which could either be automatically detected from the server configuration, or could be configured by the user through the <code>useUnicode</code> and <code>characterEncoding</code> properties.

## **Setting the Character Encoding**

The character encoding between client and server is automatically detected upon connection. You specify the encoding on the server using the character\_set\_server for server versions 4.1.0 and newer, and character\_set system variable for server versions older than 4.1.0. The driver automatically uses the encoding specified by the server. For more information, see Server Character Set and Collation.

For example, to use 4-byte UTF-8 character sets with Connector/J, configure the MySQL server with character\_set\_server=utf8mb4, and leave characterEncoding out of the Connector/J connection string. Connector/J will then autodetect the UTF-8 setting.

To override the automatically detected encoding on the client side, use the <code>characterEncoding</code> property in the URL used to connect to the server.

To allow multiple character sets to be sent from the client, use the UTF-8 encoding, either by configuring utf8 as the default server character set, or by configuring the JDBC driver to use UTF-8 through the characterEncoding property.

When specifying character encodings on the client side, use Java-style names. The following table lists MySQL character set names and the corresponding Java-style names:

**Table 5.3 MySQL to Java Encoding Name Translations** 

ySQL Character Set Name Java-Style Character Encoding Name	
ascii	US-ASCII
big5	Big5
gbk	GBK
sjis	SJIS (or Cp932 or MS932 for MySQL Server < 4.1.11)
cp932	Cp932 or MS932 (MySQL Server > 4.1.11)
gb2312	EUC_CN
ujis	EUC_JP
euckr	EUC_KR
latin1	Cp1252
latin2	ISO8859_2
greek	ISO8859_7
hebrew	ISO8859_8
cp866	Cp866
tis620	TIS620
cp1250	Cp1250
cp1251	Cp1251
cp1257	Cp1257
macroman	MacRoman
macce	MacCentralEurope
utf8	UTF-8
ucs2	UnicodeBig

## Warning

Do not issue the query set names with Connector/J, as the driver will not detect that the character set has changed, and will continue to use the character set detected during the initial connection setup.

## 5.5 Connecting Securely Using SSL

SSL in MySQL Connector/J encrypts all data (other than the initial handshake) between the JDBC driver and the server. There is a performance penalty for enabling SSL, the severity of which depends on multiple factors including (but not limited to) the size of the query, the amount of data returned, the server hardware, the SSL library used, the network bandwidth, and so on.

For SSL support to work, you must have the following:

- A JDK that includes JSSE (Java Secure Sockets Extension), like JDK-1.4.1 or newer. SSL does not currently work with a JDK that you can add JSSE to, like JDK-1.2.x or JDK-1.3.x due to the following JSSE bug: http://bugs.java.com/bugdatabase/view\_bug.do?bug\_id=4273544
- A MySQL server that supports SSL and has been compiled and configured to do so, which is MySQL 4.0.4 or later. For more information, see Building MySQL with SSL Support.
- · A client certificate (covered later in this section)

The system works through two Java truststore files, one file contains the certificate information for the server (truststore in the examples below). The other file contains the certificate for the client (keystore in the examples below). All Java truststore files are password protected by supplying a suitable password to the keytool when you create the files. You need the file names and associated passwords to create an SSL connection.

You will first need to import the MySQL server CA Certificate into a Java truststore. A sample MySQL server CA Certificate is located in the SSL subdirectory of the MySQL source distribution. This is what SSL will use to determine if you are communicating with a secure MySQL server. Alternatively, use the CA Certificate that you have generated or been provided with by your SSL provider.

To use Java's keytool to create a truststore in the current directory, and import the server's CA certificate (cacert.pem), you can do the following (assuming that keytool is in your path. The keytool is typically located in the bin subdirectory of your JDK or JRE):

```
shell> keytool -import -alias mysqlServerCACert \
-file cacert.pem -keystore truststore
```

Enter the password when prompted for the keystore file. Interaction with keytool looks like this:

You then have two options: either import the client certificate that matches the CA certificate you just imported, or create a new client certificate.

Importing an existing certificate requires the certificate to be in DER format. You can use openss1 to convert an existing certificate into the new format. For example:

```
shell> openss1 x509 -outform DER -in client-cert.pem -out client.cert
```

Now import the converted certificate into your keystore using keytool:

```
shell> keytool -import -file client.cert -keystore keystore -alias mysqlClientCertificate
```

To generate your own client certificate, use keytool to create a suitable certificate and add it to the keystore file:

```
shell> keytool -genkey -keyalg rsa \
    -alias mysqlClientCertificate -keystore keystore
```

Keytool will prompt you for the following information, and create a keystore named keystore in the current directory.

Respond with information that is appropriate for your situation:

```
Enter keystore password: *******
What is your first and last name?
  [Unknown]: Matthews
What is the name of your organizational unit?
  [Unknown]: Software Development
What is the name of your organization?
  [Unknown]: MySQL AB
What is the name of your City or Locality?
 [Unknown]: Flossmoor
What is the name of your State or Province?
 [Unknown]: IL
What is the two-letter country code for this unit?
 [Unknown]: US
Is <CN=Matthews, OU=Software Development, O=MySQL AB,
L=Flossmoor, ST=IL, C=US> correct?
  [nol: v
Enter key password for <mysqlClientCertificate>
        (RETURN if same as keystore password):
```

Finally, to get JSSE to use the keystore and truststore that you have generated, you need to set the following system properties when you start your JVM, replacing <code>path\_to\_keystore\_file</code> with the full path to the keystore file you created, <code>path\_to\_truststore\_file</code> with the path to the truststore file you created, and using the appropriate password values for each property. You can do this either on the command line:

```
-Djavax.net.ssl.keyStore=path_to_keystore_file
-Djavax.net.ssl.keyStorePassword=password
-Djavax.net.ssl.trustStore=path_to_truststore_file
-Djavax.net.ssl.trustStorePassword=password
```

Or you can set the values directly within the application:

```
System.setProperty("javax.net.ssl.keyStore","path_to_keystore_file");
System.setProperty("javax.net.ssl.keyStorePassword","password");
System.setProperty("javax.net.ssl.trustStore","path_to_truststore_file");
System.setProperty("javax.net.ssl.trustStorePassword","password");
```

You will also need to set useSSL to true in your connection parameters for MySQL Connector/ J, either by adding useSSL=true to your URL, or by setting the property useSSL to true in the java.util.Properties instance you pass to DriverManager.getConnection().

You can test that SSL is working by turning on JSSE debugging (as detailed below), and look for the following key events:

```
...

*** ClientHello, v3.1

RandomCookie: GMT: 1018531834 bytes = { 199, 148, 180, 215, 74, 12, »
54, 244, 0, 168, 55, 103, 215, 64, 16, 138, 225, 190, 132, 153, 2, »
217, 219, 239, 202, 19, 121, 78 }

Session ID: {}

Cipher Suites: { 0, 5, 0, 4, 0, 9, 0, 10, 0, 18, 0, 19, 0, 3, 0, 17 }

Compression Methods: { 0 }
```

```
[write] MD5 and SHA1 hashes: len = 59
0000: 01 00 00 37 03 01 3D B6 90 FA C7 94 B4 D7 4A 0C ...7..=.....J.
0010: 36 F4 00 A8 37 67 D7 40 10 8A E1 BE 84 99 02 D9
0020: DB EF CA 13 79 4E 00 00 10 00 05 00 04 00 09 00 ....yN......
0030: 0A 00 12 00 13 00 03 00 11 01 00
                                                       . . . . . . . . . . .
main, WRITE: SSL v3.1 Handshake, length = 59
main, READ: SSL v3.1 Handshake, length = 74
*** ServerHello, v3.1
RandomCookie: GMT: 1018577560 bytes = { 116, 50, 4, 103, 25, 100, 58, »
   202, 79, 185, 178, 100, 215, 66, 254, 21, 83, 187, 190, 42, 170, 3, »
  132, 110, 82, 148, 160, 92 }
Session ID: {163, 227, 84, 53, 81, 127, 252, 254, 178, 179, 68, 63, »
   182, 158, 30, 11, 150, 79, 170, 76, 255, 92, 15, 226, 24, 17, 177, »
   219, 158, 177, 187, 143}
Cipher Suite: { 0, 5 }
Compression Method: 0
%% Created: [Session-1, SSL_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA]
** SSL_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA
[read] MD5 and SHA1 hashes: len = 74
0000: 02 00 00 46 03 01 3D B6 43 98 74 32 04 67 19 64 ...F..=.C.t2.q.d
0010: 3A CA 4F B9 B2 64 D7 42 FE 15 53 BB BE 2A AA 03 :.O..d.B..S..*..
0020: 84 6E 52 94 A0 5C 20 A3 E3 54 35 51 7F FC FE B2 .nR..\ ..T5Q....
0030: B3 44 3F B6 9E 1E 0B 96 4F AA 4C FF 5C 0F E2 18 .D?....O.L.\...
0040: 11 B1 DB 9E B1 BB 8F 00 05 00
main, READ: SSL v3.1 Handshake, length = 1712
```

JSSE provides debugging (to stdout) when you set the following system property: - Djavax.net.debug=all This will tell you what keystores and truststores are being used, as well as what is going on during the SSL handshake and certificate exchange. It will be helpful when trying to determine what is not working when trying to get an SSL connection to happen.

## 5.6 Connecting Using PAM Authentication

Java applications using Connector/J 5.1.21 and higher can connect to MySQL servers that use the pluggable authentication module (PAM) authentication scheme.

For PAM authentication to work, you must have the following:

- A MySQL server that supports PAM authentication: a commercial distribution of MySQL 5.5.16 or higher.
   See The PAM Authentication Plugin for more information. Connector/J implements the same cleartext authentication method as in The Cleartext Client-Side Authentication Plugin.
- SSL capability, as explained in Section 5.5, "Connecting Securely Using SSL". Because the PAM
  authentication scheme sends the original password to the server, the connection to the server must be
  encrypted.

PAM authentication support is enabled by default in Connector/J 5.1.21 and up, so no extra configuration is needed.

To disable the PAM authentication feature, specify mysql\_clear\_password (the method) or com.mysql.jdbc.authentication.MysqlClearPasswordPlugin (the class name) in the commaseparated list of arguments for the disabledAuthenticationPlugins connection option. See Section 5.1, "Driver/Datasource Class Names, URL Syntax and Configuration Properties for Connector/J" for details about that connection option.

## 5.7 Using Master/Slave Replication with ReplicationConnection

See Section 8.3, "Configuring Master/Slave Replication with Connector/J" for details on the topic.

# 5.8 Mapping MySQL Error Numbers to JDBC SQLState Codes

The table below provides a mapping of the MySQL error numbers to JDBC  ${\tt SQLState}$  values.

Table 5.4 Mapping of MySQL Error Numbers to SQLStates

MySQL Error Number	MySQL Error Name		SQL Standard SQLState
1022	ER_DUP_KEY	23000	23000
1037	ER_OUTOFMEMORY	S1001	HY001
1038	ER_OUT_OF_SORTMEMORY	S1001	HY001
1040	ER_CON_COUNT_ERROR	08004	08004
1042	ER_BAD_HOST_ERROR	08004	08S01
1043	ER_HANDSHAKE_ERROR	08004	08S01
1044	ER_DBACCESS_DENIED_ERROR	42000	42000
1045	ER_ACCESS_DENIED_ERROR	28000	28000
1046	ER_NO_DB_ERROR	3D000	3D000
1047	ER_UNKNOWN_COM_ERROR	08S01	08S01
1048	ER_BAD_NULL_ERROR	23000	23000
1049	ER_BAD_DB_ERROR	42000	42000
1050	ER_TABLE_EXISTS_ERROR	42S01	42S01
1051	ER_BAD_TABLE_ERROR	42S02	42S02
1052	ER_NON_UNIQ_ERROR	23000	23000
1053	ER_SERVER_SHUTDOWN	08S01	08S01
1054	ER_BAD_FIELD_ERROR	S0022	42S22
1055	ER_WRONG_FIELD_WITH_GROUP	S1009	42000
1056	ER_WRONG_GROUP_FIELD	S1009	42000
1057	ER_WRONG_SUM_SELECT	S1009	42000
1058	ER_WRONG_VALUE_COUNT	21S01	21S01
1059	ER_TOO_LONG_IDENT	S1009	42000
1060	ER_DUP_FIELDNAME	S1009	42S21
1061	ER_DUP_KEYNAME	S1009	42000
1062	ER_DUP_ENTRY	S1009	23000
1063	ER_WRONG_FIELD_SPEC	S1009	42000
1064	ER_PARSE_ERROR	42000	42000
1065	ER_EMPTY_QUERY	42000	42000
1066	ER_NONUNIQ_TABLE	S1009	42000
1067	ER_INVALID_DEFAULT	S1009	42000
1068	ER_MULTIPLE_PRI_KEY	S1009	42000
1069	ER_TOO_MANY_KEYS	S1009	42000
1070	ER_TOO_MANY_KEY_PARTS	S1009	42000

MySQL Error Number	MySQL Error Name		SQL Standard SQLState
1071	ER_TOO_LONG_KEY	S1009	42000
1072	ER_KEY_COLUMN_DOES_NOT_EXITS	S1009	42000
1073	ER_BLOB_USED_AS_KEY	S1009	42000
1074	ER_TOO_BIG_FIELDLENGTH	S1009	42000
1075	ER_WRONG_AUTO_KEY	S1009	42000
1080	ER_FORCING_CLOSE	08S01	08S01
1081	ER_IPSOCK_ERROR	08S01	08S01
1082	ER_NO_SUCH_INDEX	S1009	42S12
1083	ER_WRONG_FIELD_TERMINATORS	S1009	42000
1084	ER_BLOBS_AND_NO_TERMINATED	S1009	42000
1090	ER_CANT_REMOVE_ALL_FIELDS	42000	42000
1091	ER_CANT_DROP_FIELD_OR_KEY	42000	42000
1101	ER_BLOB_CANT_HAVE_DEFAULT	42000	42000
1102	ER_WRONG_DB_NAME	42000	42000
1103	ER_WRONG_TABLE_NAME	42000	42000
1104	ER_TOO_BIG_SELECT	42000	42000
1106	ER_UNKNOWN_PROCEDURE	42000	42000
1107	ER_WRONG_PARAMCOUNT_TO_PROCEDURE	42000	42000
1109	ER_UNKNOWN_TABLE	42S02	42S02
1110	ER_FIELD_SPECIFIED_TWICE	42000	42000
1112	ER_UNSUPPORTED_EXTENSION	42000	42000
1113	ER_TABLE_MUST_HAVE_COLUMNS	42000	42000
1115	ER_UNKNOWN_CHARACTER_SET	42000	42000
1118	ER_TOO_BIG_ROWSIZE	42000	42000
1120	ER_WRONG_OUTER_JOIN	42000	42000
1121	ER_NULL_COLUMN_IN_INDEX	42000	42000
1129	ER_HOST_IS_BLOCKED	08004	HY000
1130	ER_HOST_NOT_PRIVILEGED	08004	HY000
1131	ER_PASSWORD_ANONYMOUS_USER	42000	42000
1132	ER_PASSWORD_NOT_ALLOWED	42000	42000
1133	ER_PASSWORD_NO_MATCH	42000	42000
1136	ER_WRONG_VALUE_COUNT_ON_ROW	21S01	21S01
1138	ER_INVALID_USE_OF_NULL	S1000	42000
1139	ER_REGEXP_ERROR	42000	42000
1140	ER_MIX_OF_GROUP_FUNC_AND_FIELDS	42000	42000
1141	ER_NONEXISTING_GRANT	42000	42000

MySQL Error Number	MySQL Error Name		SQL Standard SQLState
1142	ER_TABLEACCESS_DENIED_ERROR	42000	42000
1143	ER_COLUMNACCESS_DENIED_ERROR	42000	42000
1144	ER_ILLEGAL_GRANT_FOR_TABLE	42000	42000
1145	ER_GRANT_WRONG_HOST_OR_USER	42000	42000
1146	ER_NO_SUCH_TABLE	42S02	42S02
1147	ER_NONEXISTING_TABLE_GRANT	42000	42000
1148	ER_NOT_ALLOWED_COMMAND	42000	42000
1149	ER_SYNTAX_ERROR	42000	42000
1152	ER_ABORTING_CONNECTION	08S01	08S01
1153	ER_NET_PACKET_TOO_LARGE	08S01	08S01
1154	ER_NET_READ_ERROR_FROM_PIPE	08S01	08S01
1155	ER_NET_FCNTL_ERROR	08S01	08S01
1156	ER_NET_PACKETS_OUT_OF_ORDER	08S01	08S01
1157	ER_NET_UNCOMPRESS_ERROR	08S01	08S01
1158	ER_NET_READ_ERROR	08S01	08S01
1159	ER_NET_READ_INTERRUPTED	08S01	08S01
1160	ER_NET_ERROR_ON_WRITE	08S01	08S01
1161	ER_NET_WRITE_INTERRUPTED	08S01	08S01
1162	ER_TOO_LONG_STRING	42000	42000
1163	ER_TABLE_CANT_HANDLE_BLOB	42000	42000
1164	ER_TABLE_CANT_HANDLE_AUTO_INCREMENT	42000	42000
1166	ER_WRONG_COLUMN_NAME	42000	42000
1167	ER_WRONG_KEY_COLUMN	42000	42000
1169	ER_DUP_UNIQUE	23000	23000
1170	ER_BLOB_KEY_WITHOUT_LENGTH	42000	42000
1171	ER_PRIMARY_CANT_HAVE_NULL	42000	42000
1172	ER_TOO_MANY_ROWS	42000	42000
1173	ER_REQUIRES_PRIMARY_KEY	42000	42000
1176	ER_KEY_DOES_NOT_EXITS	42000	42000
1177	ER_CHECK_NO_SUCH_TABLE	42000	42000
1178	ER_CHECK_NOT_IMPLEMENTED	42000	42000
1179	ER_CANT_DO_THIS_DURING_AN_TRANSACTION	25000	25000
1184	ER_NEW_ABORTING_CONNECTION	08S01	08S01
1189	ER_MASTER_NET_READ	08S01	08S01
1190	ER_MASTER_NET_WRITE	08S01	08S01
1203	ER_TOO_MANY_USER_CONNECTIONS	42000	42000

MySQL Error Number	MySQL Error Name		SQL Standard SQLState
1205	ER_LOCK_WAIT_TIMEOUT	41000	41000
1207	ER_READ_ONLY_TRANSACTION	25000	25000
1211	ER_NO_PERMISSION_TO_CREATE_USER	42000	42000
1213	ER_LOCK_DEADLOCK	41000	41000
1216	ER_NO_REFERENCED_ROW	23000	23000
1217	ER_ROW_IS_REFERENCED	23000	23000
1218	ER_CONNECT_TO_MASTER	08S01	08S01
1222	ER_WRONG_NUMBER_OF_COLUMNS_IN_SELECT	21000	21000
1226	ER_USER_LIMIT_REACHED	42000	42000
1227	ER_SPECIFIC_ACCESS_DENIED_ERROR	42000	42000
1230	ER_NO_DEFAULT	42000	42000
1231	ER_WRONG_VALUE_FOR_VAR	42000	42000
1232	ER_WRONG_TYPE_FOR_VAR	42000	42000
1234	ER_CANT_USE_OPTION_HERE	42000	42000
1235	ER_NOT_SUPPORTED_YET	42000	42000
1239	ER_WRONG_FK_DEF	42000	42000
1241	ER_OPERAND_COLUMNS	21000	21000
1242	ER_SUBQUERY_NO_1_ROW	21000	21000
1247	ER_ILLEGAL_REFERENCE	42S22	42S22
1248	ER_DERIVED_MUST_HAVE_ALIAS	42000	42000
1249	ER_SELECT_REDUCED	01000	01000
1250	ER_TABLENAME_NOT_ALLOWED_HERE	42000	42000
1251	ER_NOT_SUPPORTED_AUTH_MODE	08004	08004
1252	ER_SPATIAL_CANT_HAVE_NULL	42000	42000
1253	ER_COLLATION_CHARSET_MISMATCH	42000	42000
1261	ER_WARN_TOO_FEW_RECORDS	01000	01000
1262	ER_WARN_TOO_MANY_RECORDS	01000	01000
1263	ER_WARN_NULL_TO_NOTNULL	S1000	01000
1264	ER_WARN_DATA_OUT_OF_RANGE	01000	01000
1265	ER_WARN_DATA_TRUNCATED	01000	01000
1280	ER_WRONG_NAME_FOR_INDEX	42000	42000
1281	ER_WRONG_NAME_FOR_CATALOG	42000	42000
1286	ER_UNKNOWN_STORAGE_ENGINE	42000	42000
1292	ER_TRUNCATED_WRONG_VALUE	22007	22007
1303	ER_SP_NO_RECURSIVE_CREATE	S1000	2F003
1304	ER_SP_ALREADY_EXISTS	42000	42000

MySQL Error Number	MySQL Error Name		SQL Standard SQLState
1305	ER_SP_DOES_NOT_EXIST	42000	42000
1308	ER_SP_LILABEL_MISMATCH	42000	42000
1309	ER_SP_LABEL_REDEFINE	42000	42000
1310	ER_SP_LABEL_MISMATCH	42000	42000
1311	ER_SP_UNINIT_VAR	01000	01000
1312	ER_SP_BADSELECT	0A000	0A000
1313	ER_SP_BADRETURN	42000	42000
1314	ER_SP_BADSTATEMENT	0A000	0A000
1315	ER_UPDATE_LOG_DEPRECATED_IGNORED	42000	42000
1316	ER_UPDATE_LOG_DEPRECATED_TRANSLATED	42000	42000
1317	ER_QUERY_INTERRUPTED	S1000	70100
1318	ER_SP_WRONG_NO_OF_ARGS	42000	42000
1319	ER_SP_COND_MISMATCH	42000	42000
1320	ER_SP_NORETURN	42000	42000
1321	ER_SP_NORETURNEND	S1000	2F005
1322	ER_SP_BAD_CURSOR_QUERY	42000	42000
1323	ER_SP_BAD_CURSOR_SELECT	42000	42000
1324	ER_SP_CURSOR_MISMATCH	42000	42000
1325	ER_SP_CURSOR_ALREADY_OPEN	24000	24000
1326	ER_SP_CURSOR_NOT_OPEN	24000	24000
1327	ER_SP_UNDECLARED_VAR	42000	42000
1329	ER_SP_FETCH_NO_DATA	S1000	02000
1330	ER_SP_DUP_PARAM	42000	42000
1331	ER_SP_DUP_VAR	42000	42000
1332	ER_SP_DUP_COND	42000	42000
1333	ER_SP_DUP_CURS	42000	42000
1335	ER_SP_SUBSELECT_NYI	0A000	0A000
1336	ER_STMT_NOT_ALLOWED_IN_SF_OR_TRG	0A000	0A000
1337	ER_SP_VARCOND_AFTER_CURSHNDLR	42000	42000
1338	ER_SP_CURSOR_AFTER_HANDLER	42000	42000
1339	ER_SP_CASE_NOT_FOUND	S1000	20000
1365	ER_DIVISION_BY_ZERO	22012	22012
1367	ER_ILLEGAL_VALUE_FOR_TYPE	22007	22007
1370	ER_PROCACCESS_DENIED_ERROR	42000	42000
1397	ER_XAER_NOTA	S1000	XAE04
1398	ER_XAER_INVAL	S1000	XAE05

MySQL Error Number	MySQL Error Name		SQL Standard SQLState
1399	ER_XAER_RMFAIL	S1000	XAE07
1400	ER_XAER_OUTSIDE	S1000	XAE09
1401	ER_XA_RMERR	S1000	XAE03
1402	ER_XA_RBROLLBACK	S1000	XA100
1403	ER_NONEXISTING_PROC_GRANT	42000	42000
1406	ER_DATA_TOO_LONG	22001	22001
1407	ER_SP_BAD_SQLSTATE	42000	42000
1410	ER_CANT_CREATE_USER_WITH_GRANT	42000	42000
1413	ER_SP_DUP_HANDLER	42000	42000
1414	ER_SP_NOT_VAR_ARG	42000	42000
1415	ER_SP_NO_RETSET	0A000	0A000
1416	ER_CANT_CREATE_GEOMETRY_OBJECT	22003	22003
1425	ER_TOO_BIG_SCALE	42000	42000
1426	ER_TOO_BIG_PRECISION	42000	42000
1427	ER_M_BIGGER_THAN_D	42000	42000
1437	ER_TOO_LONG_BODY	42000	42000
1439	ER_TOO_BIG_DISPLAYWIDTH	42000	42000
1440	ER_XAER_DUPID	S1000	XAE08
1441	ER_DATETIME_FUNCTION_OVERFLOW	22008	22008
1451	ER_ROW_IS_REFERENCED_2	23000	23000
1452	ER_NO_REFERENCED_ROW_2	23000	23000
1453	ER_SP_BAD_VAR_SHADOW	42000	42000
1458	ER_SP_WRONG_NAME	42000	42000
1460	ER_SP_NO_AGGREGATE	42000	42000
1461	ER_MAX_PREPARED_STMT_COUNT_REACHED	42000	42000
1463	ER_NON_GROUPING_FIELD_USED	42000	42000
1557	ER_FOREIGN_DUPLICATE_KEY	23000	23000
1568	ER_CANT_CHANGE_TX_ISOLATION	S1000	25001
1582	ER_WRONG_PARAMCOUNT_TO_NATIVE_FCT	42000	42000
1583	ER_WRONG_PARAMETERS_TO_NATIVE_FCT	42000	42000
1584	ER_WRONG_PARAMETERS_TO_STORED_FCT	42000	42000
1586	ER_DUP_ENTRY_WITH_KEY_NAME	23000	23000
1613	ER_XA_RBTIMEOUT	S1000	XA106
1614	ER_XA_RBDEADLOCK	S1000	XA102
1630	ER_FUNC_INEXISTENT_NAME_COLLISION	42000	42000
1641	ER_DUP_SIGNAL_SET	42000	42000

MySQL Error Number	MySQL Error Name	` '	SQL Standard SQLState
1642	ER_SIGNAL_WARN	01000	01000
1643	ER_SIGNAL_NOT_FOUND	S1000	02000
1645	ER_RESIGNAL_WITHOUT_ACTIVE_HANDLER	S1000	0K000
1687	ER_SPATIAL_MUST_HAVE_GEOM_COL	42000	42000
1690	ER_DATA_OUT_OF_RANGE	22003	22003
1698	ER_ACCESS_DENIED_NO_PASSWORD_ERROR	28000	28000
1701	ER_TRUNCATE_ILLEGAL_FK	42000	42000
1758	ER_DA_INVALID_CONDITION_NUMBER	35000	35000
1761	ER_FOREIGN_DUPLICATE_KEY_WITH_CHILD_INFO	23000	23000
1762	ER_FOREIGN_DUPLICATE_KEY_WITHOUT_CHILD_INFO	23000	23000
1792	ER_CANT_EXECUTE_IN_READ_ONLY_TRANSACTION	S1000	25006
1845	ER_ALTER_OPERATION_NOT_SUPPORTED	0A000	0A000
1846	ER_ALTER_OPERATION_NOT_SUPPORTED_REASON	0A000	0A000
1859	ER_DUP_UNKNOWN_IN_INDEX	23000	23000
1873	ER_ACCESS_DENIED_CHANGE_USER_ERROR	28000	28000
1887	ER_GET_STACKED_DA_WITHOUT_ACTIVE_HANDLER	S1000	0Z002
1903	ER_INVALID_ARGUMENT_FOR_LOGARITHM	S1000	2201E

# Chapter 6 JDBC Concepts

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This section provides some general JDBC background.

# 6.1 Connecting to MySQL Using the JDBC DriverManager Interface

When you are using JDBC outside of an application server, the DriverManager class manages the establishment of connections.

Specify to the <code>DriverManager</code> which JDBC drivers to try to make Connections with. The easiest way to do this is to use <code>Class.forName()</code> on the class that implements the <code>java.sql.Driver</code> interface. With MySQL Connector/J, the name of this class is <code>com.mysql.jdbc.Driver</code>. With this method, you could use an external configuration file to supply the driver class name and driver parameters to use when connecting to a database.

The following section of Java code shows how you might register MySQL Connector/J from the main() method of your application. If testing this code, first read the installation section at Chapter 3, Connector/J Installation, to make sure you have connector installed correctly and the CLASSPATH set up. Also, ensure that MySQL is configured to accept external TCP/IP connections.

After the driver has been registered with the DriverManager, you can obtain a Connection instance that is connected to a particular database by calling DriverManager.getConnection():

#### Example 6.1 Connector/J: Obtaining a connection from the DriverManager

If you have not already done so, please review the portion of Section 6.1, "Connecting to MySQL Using the JDBC DriverManager Interface" above before working with the example below.

This example shows how you can obtain a Connection instance from the DriverManager. There are a few different signatures for the getConnection() method. Consult the API documentation that comes with your JDK for more specific information on how to use them.

Once a Connection is established, it can be used to create Statement and PreparedStatement objects, as well as retrieve metadata about the database. This is explained in the following sections.

# 6.2 Using JDBC Statement Objects to Execute SQL

Statement objects allow you to execute basic SQL queries and retrieve the results through the ResultSet class, which is described later.

To create a Statement instance, you call the createStatement() method on the Connection object you have retrieved using one of the DriverManager.getConnection() or DataSource.getConnection() methods described earlier.

Once you have a Statement instance, you can execute a SELECT query by calling the executeQuery(String) method with the SQL you want to use.

To update data in the database, use the <code>executeUpdate(String SQL)</code> method. This method returns the number of rows matched by the update statement, not the number of rows that were modified.

If you do not know ahead of time whether the SQL statement will be a SELECT or an UPDATE/INSERT, then you can use the execute(String SQL) method. This method will return true if the SQL query was a SELECT, or false if it was an UPDATE, INSERT, or DELETE statement. If the statement was a SELECT query, you can retrieve the results by calling the getResultSet() method. If the statement was an UPDATE, INSERT, or DELETE statement, you can retrieve the affected rows count by calling getUpdateCount() on the Statement instance.

#### Example 6.2 Connector/J: Using java.sql.Statement to execute a SELECT query

```
import java.sql.Connection;
import java.sql.DriverManager;
import java.sql.SQLException;
import java.sql.Statement;
import java.sql.ResultSet;
// assume that conn is an already created JDBC connection (see previous examples)
```

```
Statement stmt = null;
ResultSet rs = null;
try {
   stmt = conn.createStatement();
   rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT foo FROM bar");
   // or alternatively, if you don't know ahead of time that
    // the query will be a SELECT...
   if (stmt.execute("SELECT foo FROM bar")) {
       rs = stmt.getResultSet();
    // Now do something with the ResultSet ....
catch (SQLException ex){
   // handle any errors
   System.out.println("SQLException: " + ex.getMessage());
   System.out.println("SQLState: " + ex.getSQLState());
   System.out.println("VendorError: " + ex.getErrorCode());
finally {
   // it is a good idea to release
   // resources in a finally{} block
   // in reverse-order of their creation
   // if they are no-longer needed
   if (rs != null) {
        try {
            rs.close();
        } catch (SQLException sqlEx) { } // ignore
       rs = null;
   if (stmt != null) {
        try {
           stmt.close();
        } catch (SQLException sqlEx) { } // ignore
        stmt = null;
```

# 6.3 Using JDBC CallableStatements to Execute Stored Procedures

Starting with MySQL server version 5.0 when used with Connector/J 3.1.1 or newer, the java.sql.CallableStatement interface is fully implemented with the exception of the getParameterMetaData() method.

For more information on MySQL stored procedures, please refer to Using Stored Routines (Procedures and Functions).

Connector/J exposes stored procedure functionality through JDBC's CallableStatement interface.

#### Note

Current versions of MySQL server do not return enough information for the JDBC driver to provide result set metadata for callable statements. This means that when using CallableStatement, ResultSetMetaData may return NULL.

The following example shows a stored procedure that returns the value of inOutParam incremented by 1, and the string passed in using inputParam as a ResultSet:

### Example 6.3 Connector/J: Calling Stored Procedures

To use the demoSp procedure with Connector/J, follow these steps:

1. Prepare the callable statement by using Connection.prepareCall().

Notice that you have to use JDBC escape syntax, and that the parentheses surrounding the parameter placeholders are not optional:

### Example 6.4 Connector/J: Using Connection.prepareCall()

```
import java.sql.CallableStatement;
...

//
  // Prepare a call to the stored procedure 'demoSp'
  // with two parameters
  //
  // Notice the use of JDBC-escape syntax ({call ...})
  //
  CallableStatement cStmt = conn.prepareCall("{call demoSp(?, ?)}");

cStmt.setString(1, "abcdefg");
```

#### Note

Connection.prepareCall() is an expensive method, due to the metadata retrieval that the driver performs to support output parameters. For performance reasons, minimize unnecessary calls to Connection.prepareCall() by reusing CallableStatement instances in your code.

2. Register the output parameters (if any exist)

To retrieve the values of output parameters (parameters specified as OUT or INOUT when you created the stored procedure), JDBC requires that they be specified before statement execution using the various registerOutputParameter() methods in the CallableStatement interface:

#### Example 6.5 Connector/J: Registering output parameters

```
import java.sql.Types;
```

```
// Connector/J supports both named and indexed
// output parameters. You can register output
// parameters using either method, as well
// as retrieve output parameters using either
// method, regardless of what method was
// used to register them.
// The following examples show how to use
// the various methods of registering
// output parameters (you should of course
// use only one registration per parameter).
//
// Registers the second parameter as output, and
// uses the type 'INTEGER' for values returned from
// getObject()
cStmt.registerOutParameter(2, Types.INTEGER);
// Registers the named parameter 'inOutParam', and
// uses the type 'INTEGER' for values returned from
// getObject()
cStmt.registerOutParameter("inOutParam", Types.INTEGER);
```

#### 3. Set the input parameters (if any exist)

Input and in/out parameters are set as for PreparedStatement objects. However, CallableStatement also supports setting parameters by name:

### Example 6.6 Connector/J: Setting CallableStatement input parameters

```
//
// Set a parameter by index
//
cStmt.setString(1, "abcdefg");

//
// Alternatively, set a parameter using
// the parameter name
//
cStmt.setString("inputParameter", "abcdefg");

//
/// Set the 'in/out' parameter using an index
//
cStmt.setInt(2, 1);

//
// Alternatively, set the 'in/out' parameter
// by name
//
cStmt.setInt("inOutParam", 1);
```

. . .

4. Execute the CallableStatement, and retrieve any result sets or output parameters.

Although CallableStatement supports calling any of the Statement execute methods (executeUpdate(), executeQuery() or execute()), the most flexible method to call is execute(), as you do not need to know ahead of time if the stored procedure returns result sets:

#### Example 6.7 Connector/J: Retrieving results and output parameter values

```
boolean hadResults = cStmt.execute();

//

/// Process all returned result sets
//

while (hadResults) {
    ResultSet rs = cStmt.getResultSet();

    // process result set
    ...

    hadResults = cStmt.getMoreResults();
}

//

// Retrieve output parameters
//

// Connector/J supports both index-based and
// name-based retrieval
//

int outputValue = cStmt.getInt(2); // index-based
outputValue = cStmt.getInt("inOutParam"); // name-based
...
```

# 6.4 Retrieving AUTO\_INCREMENT Column Values through JDBC

Before version 3.0 of the JDBC API, there was no standard way of retrieving key values from databases that supported auto increment or identity columns. With older JDBC drivers for MySQL, you could always use a MySQL-specific method on the Statement interface, or issue the query SELECT LAST\_INSERT\_ID() after issuing an INSERT to a table that had an AUTO\_INCREMENT key. Using the MySQL-specific method call isn't portable, and issuing a SELECT to get the AUTO\_INCREMENT key's value requires another round-trip to the database, which isn't as efficient as possible. The following code snippets demonstrate the three different ways to retrieve AUTO\_INCREMENT values. First, we demonstrate the use of the new JDBC 3.0 method getGeneratedKeys() which is now the preferred method to use if you need to retrieve AUTO\_INCREMENT keys and have access to JDBC 3.0. The second example shows how you can retrieve the same value using a standard SELECT LAST\_INSERT\_ID() query. The final example shows how updatable result sets can retrieve the AUTO\_INCREMENT value when using the insertRow() method.

# Example 6.8 Connector/J: Retrieving AUTO\_INCREMENT column values using Statement.getGeneratedKeys()

```
Statement stmt = null;
```

```
ResultSet rs = null;
try {
    11
    // Create a Statement instance that we can use for
    // 'normal' result sets assuming you have a
    // Connection 'conn' to a MySQL database already
    // available
    stmt = conn.createStatement();
    // Issue the DDL queries for the table for this example
    stmt.executeUpdate("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS autoIncTutorial");
    stmt.executeUpdate(
            "CREATE TABLE autoIncTutorial ("
            + "prikey INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT, "
            + "dataField VARCHAR(64), PRIMARY KEY (priKey))");
    // Insert one row that will generate an AUTO INCREMENT
    // key in the 'priKey' field
    stmt.executeUpdate(
           "INSERT INTO autoIncTutorial (dataField) "
            + "values ('Can I Get the Auto Increment Field?')",
            Statement.RETURN_GENERATED_KEYS);
    // Example of using Statement.getGeneratedKeys()
    // to retrieve the value of an auto-increment
    // value
    int autoIncKeyFromApi = -1;
    rs = stmt.getGeneratedKeys();
    if (rs.next()) {
       autoIncKeyFromApi = rs.getInt(1);
        // throw an exception from here
    System.out.println("Key returned from getGeneratedKeys():"
       + autoIncKeyFromApi);
} finally {
    if (rs != null) {
        try {
           rs.close();
        } catch (SQLException ex) {
           // ignore
    if (stmt != null) {
        try {
           stmt.close();
        } catch (SQLException ex) {
            // ignore
```

}

# Example 6.9 Connector/J: Retrieving AUTO\_INCREMENT column values using SELECT LAST INSERT ID()

```
Statement stmt = null;
ResultSet rs = null;
try {
    // Create a Statement instance that we can use for
   // 'normal' result sets.
   stmt = conn.createStatement();
   // Issue the DDL queries for the table for this example
    //
   stmt.executeUpdate("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS autoIncTutorial");
   stmt.executeUpdate(
            "CREATE TABLE autoIncTutorial ("
            + "prikey INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT, "
            + "dataField VARCHAR(64), PRIMARY KEY (prikey))");
    //
   // Insert one row that will generate an AUTO INCREMENT
    // key in the 'priKey' field
   stmt.executeUpdate(
           "INSERT INTO autoIncTutorial (dataField) "
            + "values ('Can I Get the Auto Increment Field?')");
   // Use the MySQL LAST_INSERT_ID()
    // function to do the same thing as getGeneratedKeys()
    11
   int autoIncKeyFromFunc = -1;
   rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT LAST_INSERT_ID()");
   if (rs.next()) {
       autoIncKeyFromFunc = rs.getInt(1);
    } else {
        // throw an exception from here
   System.out.println("Key returned from " +
                       "'SELECT LAST_INSERT_ID()': " +
                       autoIncKeyFromFunc);
} finally {
    if (rs != null) {
        try {
           rs.close();
        } catch (SQLException ex) {
           // ignore
   if (stmt != null) {
       try {
```

#### Example 6.10 Connector/J: Retrieving AUTO\_INCREMENT column values in Updatable ResultSets

```
Statement stmt = null;
ResultSet rs = null;
try {
   // Create a Statement instance that we can use for
   // 'normal' result sets as well as an 'updatable'
   // one, assuming you have a Connection 'conn' to
   // a MySQL database already available
   stmt = conn.createStatement(java.sql.ResultSet.TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY,
                                java.sql.ResultSet.CONCUR_UPDATABLE);
   // Issue the DDL queries for the table for this example
   //
   stmt.executeUpdate("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS autoIncTutorial");
   stmt.executeUpdate(
            "CREATE TABLE autoIncTutorial ("
            + "prikey INT NOT NULL AUTO_INCREMENT, "
            + "dataField VARCHAR(64), PRIMARY KEY (priKey))");
    // Example of retrieving an AUTO INCREMENT key
   // from an updatable result set
   //
   rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT priKey, dataField "
      + "FROM autoIncTutorial");
   rs.moveToInsertRow();
   rs.updateString("dataField", "AUTO INCREMENT here?");
   rs.insertRow();
   // the driver adds rows at the end
   //
   rs.last();
   // We should now be on the row we just inserted
   int autoIncKeyFromRS = rs.getInt("priKey");
   System.out.println("Key returned for inserted row: "
       + autoIncKeyFromRS);
} finally {
   if (rs != null) {
       try {
```

Running the preceding example code should produce the following output:

```
Key returned from getGeneratedKeys(): 1
Key returned from SELECT LAST_INSERT_ID(): 1
Key returned for inserted row: 1
```

At times, it can be tricky to use the SELECT LAST\_INSERT\_ID() query, as that function's value is scoped to a connection. So, if some other query happens on the same connection, the value is overwritten. On the other hand, the <code>getGeneratedKeys()</code> method is scoped by the <code>Statement</code> instance, so it can be used even if other queries happen on the same connection, but not on the same <code>Statement</code> instance.

# Chapter 7 Connection Pooling with Connector/J

Connection pooling is a technique of creating and managing a pool of connections that are ready for use by any thread that needs them. Connection pooling can greatly increase the performance of your Java application, while reducing overall resource usage.

### **How Connection Pooling Works**

Most applications only need a thread to have access to a JDBC connection when they are actively processing a transaction, which often takes only milliseconds to complete. When not processing a transaction, the connection sits idle. Connection pooling enables the idle connection to be used by some other thread to do useful work.

In practice, when a thread needs to do work against a MySQL or other database with JDBC, it requests a connection from the pool. When the thread is finished using the connection, it returns it to the pool, so that it can be used by any other threads.

When the connection is loaned out from the pool, it is used exclusively by the thread that requested it. From a programming point of view, it is the same as if your thread called <a href="mailto:DriverManager.getConnection">DriverManager.getConnection</a>() every time it needed a JDBC connection. With connection pooling, your thread may end up using either a new connection or an already-existing connection.

# **Benefits of Connection Pooling**

The main benefits to connection pooling are:

· Reduced connection creation time.

Although this is not usually an issue with the quick connection setup that MySQL offers compared to other databases, creating new JDBC connections still incurs networking and JDBC driver overhead that will be avoided if connections are recycled.

Simplified programming model.

When using connection pooling, each individual thread can act as though it has created its own JDBC connection, allowing you to use straightforward JDBC programming techniques.

Controlled resource usage.

If you create a new connection every time a thread needs one rather than using connection pooling, your application's resource usage can be wasteful, and it could lead to unpredictable behaviors for your application when it is under a heavy load.

## **Using Connection Pooling with Connector/J**

The concept of connection pooling in JDBC has been standardized through the JDBC 2.0 Optional interfaces, and all major application servers have implementations of these APIs that work with MySQL Connector/J.

Generally, you configure a connection pool in your application server configuration files, and access it through the Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI). The following code shows how you might use a connection pool from an application deployed in a J2EE application server:

#### Example 7.1 Connector/J: Using a connection pool with a J2EE application server

```
import java.sql.Connection;
import java.sql.SQLException;
```

```
import java.sql.Statement;
import javax.naming.InitialContext;
import javax.sql.DataSource;
public class MyServletJspOrEjb {
    public void doSomething() throws Exception {
         * Create a JNDI Initial context to be able to
         * lookup the DataSource
         * In production-level code, this should be cached as
         * an instance or static variable, as it can
         * be quite expensive to create a JNDI context.
         * Note: This code only works when you are using servlets
         * or EJBs in a J2EE application server. If you are
         * using connection pooling in standalone Java code, you
         \mbox{\ensuremath{\star}} will have to create/configure data
sources using whatever
         * mechanisms your particular connection pooling library
         * provides.
         * /
        InitialContext ctx = new InitialContext();
          * Lookup the DataSource, which will be backed by a pool
          \ensuremath{^{\star}} that the application server provides. DataSource instances
          * are also a good candidate for caching as an instance
          * variable, as JNDI lookups can be expensive as well.
        DataSource ds =
          (DataSource)ctx.lookup("java:comp/env/jdbc/MySQLDB");
         * The following code is what would actually be in your
         * Servlet, JSP or EJB 'service' method...where you need
         * to work with a JDBC connection.
        Connection conn = null;
        Statement stmt = null;
        try {
            conn = ds.getConnection();
             * Now, use normal JDBC programming to work with
             * MySQL, making sure to close each resource when you're
             * finished with it, which permits the connection pool
             * resources to be recovered as quickly as possible
             * /
            stmt = conn.createStatement();
            stmt.execute("SOME SQL QUERY");
            stmt.close();
            stmt = null;
            conn.close();
            conn = null;
        } finally {
            /*
             * close any jdbc instances here that weren't
```

```
* explicitly closed during normal code path, so
     * that we don't 'leak' resources...
    if (stmt != null) {
        try {
            stmt.close();
        } catch (sqlexception sqlex) {
            // ignore, as we can't do anything about it here
        stmt = null;
    if (conn != null) {
        try {
            conn.close();
        } catch (sqlexception sqlex) {
            // ignore, as we can't do anything about it here
        conn = null;
    }
}
```

As shown in the example above, after obtaining the JNDI InitialContext, and looking up the DataSource, the rest of the code follows familiar JDBC conventions.

When using connection pooling, always make sure that connections, and anything created by them (such as statements or result sets) are closed. This rule applies no matter what happens in your code (exceptions, flow-of-control, and so forth). When these objects are closed, they can be re-used; otherwise, they will be stranded, which means that the MySQL server resources they represent (such as buffers, locks, or sockets) are tied up for some time, or in the worst case can be tied up forever.

## **Sizing the Connection Pool**

Each connection to MySQL has overhead (memory, CPU, context switches, and so forth) on both the client and server side. Every connection limits how many resources there are available to your application as well as the MySQL server. Many of these resources will be used whether or not the connection is actually doing any useful work! Connection pools can be tuned to maximize performance, while keeping resource utilization below the point where your application will start to fail rather than just run slower.

The optimal size for the connection pool depends on anticipated load and average database transaction time. In practice, the optimal connection pool size can be smaller than you might expect. If you take Oracle's Java Petstore blueprint application for example, a connection pool of 15-20 connections can serve a relatively moderate load (600 concurrent users) using MySQL and Tomcat with acceptable response times.

To correctly size a connection pool for your application, create load test scripts with tools such as Apache JMeter or The Grinder, and load test your application.

An easy way to determine a starting point is to configure your connection pool's maximum number of connections to be unbounded, run a load test, and measure the largest amount of concurrently used connections. You can then work backward from there to determine what values of minimum and maximum pooled connections give the best performance for your particular application.

### **Validating Connections**

MySQL Connector/J can validate the connection by executing a lightweight ping against a server. In the case of load-balanced connections, this is performed against all active pooled internal connections that are retained. This is beneficial to Java applications using connection pools, as the pool can use this feature to validate connections. Depending on your connection pool and configuration, this validation can be carried out at different times:

- 1. Before the pool returns a connection to the application.
- 2. When the application returns a connection to the pool.
- 3. During periodic checks of idle connections.

To use this feature, specify a validation query in your connection pool that starts with /\* ping \*/. Note that the syntax must be exactly as specified. This will cause the driver send a ping to the server and return a dummy lightweight result set. When using a ReplicationConnection or LoadBalancedConnection, the ping will be sent across all active connections.

It is critical that the syntax be specified correctly. The syntax needs to be exact for reasons of efficiency, as this test is done for every statement that is executed:

```
protected static final String PING_MARKER = "/* ping */";
...
if (sql.charAt(0) == '/') {
if (sql.startsWith(PING_MARKER)) {
doPingInstead();
...
```

None of the following snippets will work, because the ping syntax is sensitive to whitespace, capitalization, and placement:

```
sql = "/* PING */ SELECT 1";
sql = "SELECT 1 /* ping*/";
sql = "/*ping*/ SELECT 1";
sql = " /* ping */ SELECT 1";
sql = "/* ping or not to ping*/ SELECT 1";
```

All of the previous statements will issue a normal SELECT statement and will **not** be transformed into the lightweight ping. Further, for load-balanced connections, the statement will be executed against one connection in the internal pool, rather than validating each underlying physical connection. This results in the non-active physical connections assuming a stale state, and they may die. If Connector/J then rebalances, it might select a dead connection, resulting in an exception being passed to the application. To help prevent this, you can use <code>loadBalanceValidateConnectionOnSwapServer</code> to validate the connection before use.

If your Connector/J deployment uses a connection pool that allows you to specify a validation query, take advantage of it, but ensure that the query starts *exactly* with /\* ping \*/. This is particularly important if you are using the load-balancing or replication-aware features of Connector/J, as it will help keep alive connections which otherwise will go stale and die, causing problems later.

# **Chapter 8 Multi-Host Connections**

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The following sections discuss a number of topics that involve multi-host connections, namely, server load-balancing, failover, and replication.

Developers should know the following things about multi-host connections that are managed through Connector/J:

- Each multi-host connection is a wrapper of the underlying physical connections.
- Each of the underlying physical connections has its own session. Sessions cannot be tracked, shared, or copied, given the MySQL architecture.
- Every switch between physical connections means a switch between sessions.
- Within a transaction boundary, there are no switches between physical connections. Beyond a transaction boundary, there is no guarantee that a switch does not occur.

#### Note

If an application reuses session-scope data (for example, variables, SSPs) beyond a transaction boundary, failures are possible, as a switch between the physical connections (which is also a switch between sessions) might occur. Therefore, the application should re-prepare the session data and also restart the last transaction in case of an exception, or it should re-prepare session data for each new transaction if it does not want to deal with exception handling.

# 8.1 Configuring Server Failover

MySQL Connector/J supports server failover. A failover happens when connection-related errors occur for an underlying, active connection. The connection errors are, by default, propagated to the client, which has to handle them by, for example, recreating the working objects (Statement, ResultSet, etc.) and restarting the processes. Sometimes, the driver might eventually fall back to the original host automatically before the client application continues to run, in which case the host switch is transparent and the client application will not even notice it.

A connection using failover support works just like a standard connection: the client does not experience any disruptions in the failover process. This means the client can rely on the same connection instance even if two successive statements might be executed on two different physical hosts. However, this does not mean the client does not have to deal with the exception that triggered the server switch.

The failover is configured at the initial setup stage of the server connection by the connection URL (see explanations for its format here):

jdbc:mysql://[primary host][:port],[secondary host 1][:port][,[secondary host 2][:port]]...[/[database]]»
[?propertyName1=propertyValue1[&propertyName2=propertyValue2]...]

The host list in the connection URL comprises of two types of hosts, the primary and the secondary. When starting a new connection, the driver always tries to connect to the primary host first and, if required, fails over to the secondary hosts on the list sequentially when communication problems are experienced. Even if the initial connection to the primary host fails and the driver gets connected to a secondary host, the primary host never loses its special status: for example, it can be configured with an access mode distinct from those of the secondary hosts, and it can be put on a higher priority when a host is to be picked during a failover process.

The failover support is configured by the following connection properties (their functions are explained in the paragraphs below):

- failOverReadOnly
- secondsBeforeRetryMaster
- queriesBeforeRetryMaster
- retriesAllDown
- autoReconnect
- autoReconnectForPools

### **Configuring Connection Access Mode**

As with any standard connection, the initial connection to the primary host is in read/write mode. However, if the driver fails to establish the initial connection to the primary host and it automatically switches to the next host on the list, the access mode now depends on the value of the property failOverReadOnly, which is "true" by default. The same happens if the driver is initially connected to the primary host and, because of some connection failure, it fails over to a secondary host. Every time the connection falls back to the primary host, its access mode will be read/write, irrespective of whether or not the primary host has been connected to before. The connection access mode can be changed any time at runtime by calling the method Connection.setReadOnly(boolean), which partially overrides the property failOverReadOnly. When failOverReadOnly and the access mode is explicitly set to either true or false, it becomes the mode for every connection after a host switch, no matter what host type are we connected to; but, if failOverReadOnly=true, changing the access mode to read/write is only possible if the driver is connecting to the primary host; however, even if the access mode cannot be changed for the current connection, the driver remembers the client's last intention and, when falling back to the primary host, that is the mode that will be used. For an illustration, see the following successions of events with a two-host connection.

- Sequence A, with failOverReadOnly=true:
  - 1. Connects to primary host in read/write mode
  - 2. Sets Connection.setReadOnly(true); primary host now in read-only mode
  - 3. Failover event; connects to secondary host in read-only mode
  - 4. Sets Connection.setReadOnly(false); secondary host remains in read-only mode
  - 5. Falls back to primary host; connection now in read/write mode
- Sequence B, with failOverReadOnly=false

- 1. Connects to primary host in read/write mode
- 2. Sets Connection.setReadOnly(true); primary host now in read-only mode
- 3. Failover event; connects to secondary host in read-only mode
- Set Connection.setReadOnly(false); connection to secondary host switches to read/write mode
- 5. Falls back to primary host; connection now in read/write mode

The difference between the two scenarios is in step 4: the access mode for the secondary host in sequence A does not change at that step, but the driver remembers and uses the set mode when falling back to the primary host, which would be read-only otherwise; but in sequence B, the access mode for the secondary host changes immediately.

### **Configuring Fallback to Primary Host**

As already mentioned, the primary host is special in the failover arrangement when it comes to the host's access mode. Additionally, the driver tries to fall back to the primary host as soon as possible by default, even if no communication exception occurs. Two properties, secondsBeforeRetryMaster and queriesBeforeRetryMaster, determine when the driver is ready to retry a reconnection to the primary host (the Master in the property names stands for the primary host of our connection URL, which is not necessarily a master host in a replication setup; the naming was maintained for back compatibility with Connector/J versions prior to 5.1.35):

- secondsBeforeRetryMaster determines how much time the driver waits before trying to fall back to the primary host
- queriesBeforeRetryMaster determines the number of queries that are executed before the driver tries to fall back to the primary host. Note that for the driver, each call to a Statement.execute\*() method increments the query execution counter; therefore, when calls are made to Statement.executeBatch() or if allowMultiQueries or rewriteBatchStatements are enabled, the driver may not have an accurate count of the actual number of queries executed on the server. Also, the driver calls the Statement.execute\*() methods internally in several occasions. All these mean you can only use queriesBeforeRetryMaster only as a coarse specification for when to fall back to the primary host.

In general, an attempt to fallback to the primary host is made when at least one of the conditions specified by the two properties is met, and the attempt always takes place at transaction boundaries. However, if auto-commit is turned off, the check happens only when the method Connection.commit() or Connection.rollback() is called. The automatic fallback to the primary host can be turned off by setting simultaneously secondsBeforeRetryMaster and queriesBeforeRetryMaster to "0". Setting only one of the properties to "0" only disables one part of the check.

# **Configuring Reconnection Attempts**

When establishing a new connection or when a failover event occurs, the driver tries to connect successively to the next candidate on the host list. When the end of the list has been reached, it restarts all over again from the beginning of the list; however, the primary host is skipped over, if (a) NOT all the secondary hosts have already been tested at least once, AND (b) the fallback conditions defined by secondsBeforeRetryMaster and queriesBeforeRetryMaster are not yet fulfilled. Each runthrough of the whole host list, (which is not necessarily completed at the end of the host list) counts as a single connection attempt. The driver tries as many connection attempts as specified by the value of the property retriesAllDown.

### Seamless Reconnection

Although not recommended, you can make the driver perform failovers without invalidating the active Statement or ResultSet instances by setting either the parameter autoReconnect or autoReconnectForPools to true. This allows the client to continue using the same object instances after a failover event, without taking any exceptional measures. This, however, may lead to unexpected results: for example, if the driver is connected to the primary host with read/write access mode and it fails-over to a secondary host in real-only mode, further attempts to issue data-changing queries will result in errors, and the client will not be aware of that. This limitation is particularly relevant when using data streaming: after the failover, the ResultSet looks to be alright, but the underlying connection may have changed already, and no backing cursor is available anymore.

# 8.2 Configuring Load Balancing with Connector/J

Connector/J has long provided an effective means to distribute read/write load across multiple MySQL server instances for Cluster or master-master replication deployments. Starting with Connector/J 5.1.3, you can now dynamically configure load-balanced connections, with no service outage. In-process transactions are not lost, and no application exceptions are generated if any application is trying to use that particular server instance.

The load balancing is configured at the initial setup stage of the server connection by the following connection URL, which has a similar format as the general URL for MySQL connection, but a specialized scheme:

```
jdbc:mysql:loadbalance://[host1][:port],[host2][:port][,[host3][:port]]...[/[database]] »
[?propertyName1=propertyValue1[&propertyName2=propertyValue2]...]
```

There are two configuration properties associated with this functionality:

- loadBalanceConnectionGroup This provides the ability to group connections from different sources. This allows you to manage these JDBC sources within a single class loader in any combination you choose. If they use the same configuration, and you want to manage them as a logical single group, give them the same name. This is the key property for management: if you do not define a name (string) for loadBalanceConnectionGroup, you cannot manage the connections. All loadbalanced connections sharing the same loadBalanceConnectionGroup value, regardless of how the application creates them, will be managed together.
- loadBalanceEnableJMX The ability to manage the connections is exposed when you define a loadBalanceConnectionGroup; but if you want to manage this externally, enable JMX by setting this property to true. This enables a JMX implementation, which exposes the management and monitoring operations of a connection group. Further, start your application with the Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote JVM flag. You can then perform connect and perform operations using a JMX client such as jconsole.

Once a connection has been made using the correct connection properties, a number of monitoring properties are available:

- · Current active host count.
- · Current active physical connection count.
- · Current active logical connection count.
- · Total logical connections created.
- · Total transaction count.

The following management operations can also be performed:

- · Add host.
- · Remove host.

The JMX interface, com.mysql.jdbc.jmx.LoadBalanceConnectionGroupManagerMBean, has the following methods:

- int getActiveHostCount(String group);
- int getTotalHostCount(String group);
- long getTotalLogicalConnectionCount(String group);
- long getActiveLogicalConnectionCount(String group);
- long getActivePhysicalConnectionCount(String group);
- long getTotalPhysicalConnectionCount(String group);
- long getTotalTransactionCount(String group);
- void removeHost(String group, String host) throws SQLException;
- void stopNewConnectionsToHost(String group, String host) throws SQLException;
- void addHost(String group, String host, boolean forExisting);
- String getActiveHostsList(String group);
- String getRegisteredConnectionGroups();

The getRegisteredConnectionGroups() method returns the names of all connection groups defined in that class loader.

You can test this setup with the following code:

```
public class Test {
   private static String URL = "jdbc:mysql:loadbalance://" +
        "localhost:3306,localhost:3310/test?" +
        "loadBalanceConnectionGroup=first&loadBalanceEnableJMX=true";
   public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
       new Thread(new Repeater()).start();
       new Thread(new Repeater()).start();
       new Thread(new Repeater()).start();
   static Connection getNewConnection() throws SQLException, ClassNotFoundException {
       Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver");
       return DriverManager.getConnection(URL, "root", "");
   static void executeSimpleTransaction(Connection c, int conn, int trans){
       try {
            c.setAutoCommit(false);
           Statement s = c.createStatement();
           s.executeQuery("SELECT SLEEP(1) /* Connection: " + conn + ", transaction: " + trans + " */");
            c.commit();
```

After compiling, the application can be started with the <code>-Dcom.sun.management.jmxremote</code> flag, to enable remote management. <code>jconsole</code> can then be started. The <code>Test</code> main class will be listed by <code>jconsole</code>. Select this and click <code>Connect</code>. You can then navigate to the <code>com.mysql.jdbc.jmx.LoadBalanceConnectionGroupManager</code> bean. At this point, you can click on various operations and examine the returned result.

If you now had an additional instance of MySQL running on port 3309, you could ensure that Connector/J starts using it by using the addHost(), which is exposed in jconsole. Note that these operations can be performed dynamically without having to stop the application running.

For further information on the combination of load balancing and failover, see Section 8.4, "Advanced Load-balancing and Failover Configuration".

# 8.3 Configuring Master/Slave Replication with Connector/J

This section describe a number of features of Connector/J's support for replication-aware deployments.

The replication is configured at the initial setup stage of the server connection by the connection URL, which has a similar format as the general URL for MySQL connection, but a specialized scheme:

```
jdbc:mysql:replication://[master host][:port],[slave host 1][:port][,[slave host 2][:port]]...[/[database]] »
[?propertyName1=propertyValue1[&propertyName2=propertyValue2]...]
```

# Scaling out Read Load by Distributing Read Traffic to Slaves

Connector/J 3.1.7 and higher includes a variant of the driver that will automatically send queries to a read/write master, or a failover or round-robin loadbalanced set of slaves based on the state of Connection.getReadOnly().

An application signals that it wants a transaction to be read-only by calling Connection.setReadOnly(true). The replication-aware connection will use one of the slave connections, which are load-balanced per-virtual-machine using a round-robin scheme (a given connection is sticky to a slave unless that slave is removed from service). If you have a write transaction, or if you have a read that is time-sensitive (remember, replication in MySQL is asynchronous), set the connection

to be not read-only, by calling Connection.setReadOnly(false) and the driver will ensure that further calls are sent to the master MySQL server. The driver takes care of propagating the current state of autocommit, isolation level, and catalog between all of the connections that it uses to accomplish this load balancing functionality.

To enable this functionality, use the <code>com.mysql.jdbc.ReplicationDriver</code> class when configuring your application server's connection pool or when creating an instance of a JDBC driver for your standalone application. Because it accepts the same URL format as the standard MySQL JDBC driver, <code>ReplicationDriver</code> does not currently work with <code>java.sql.DriverManager-based</code> connection creation unless it is the only <code>MySQL JDBC</code> driver registered with the <code>DriverManager</code>.

Here is a short example of how ReplicationDriver might be used in a standalone application:

```
import java.sql.Connection;
import java.sql.ResultSet;
import java.util.Properties;
import com.mysql.jdbc.ReplicationDriver;
public class ReplicationDriverDemo {
 public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
   ReplicationDriver driver = new ReplicationDriver();
   Properties props = new Properties();
   // We want this for failover on the slaves
   props.put("autoReconnect", "true");
   // We want to load balance between the slaves
   props.put("roundRobinLoadBalance", "true");
   props.put("user", "foo");
   props.put("password", "bar");
   // Looks like a normal MySQL JDBC url, with a
   // comma-separated list of hosts, the first
   // being the 'master', the rest being any number
   // of slaves that the driver will load balance against
   Connection conn =
       driver.connect("jdbc:mysql:replication://master,slave1,slave2,slave3/test",
           props);
   // Perform read/write work on the master
   // by setting the read-only flag to "false"
   conn.setReadOnly(false);
   conn.setAutoCommit(false);
   conn.createStatement().executeUpdate("UPDATE some_table ....");
   conn.commit();
   // Now, do a query from a slave, the driver automatically picks one
   // from the list
   //
   conn.setReadOnly(true);
   ResultSet rs =
```

```
conn.createStatement().executeQuery("SELECT a,b FROM alt_table");
......
}
```

Consider using the Load Balancing JDBC Pool (1bpool) tool, which provides a wrapper around the standard JDBC driver and enables you to use DB connection pools that includes checks for system failures and uneven load distribution. For more information, see Load Balancing JDBC Driver for MySQL (mysql-lbpool).

## **Support for Multiple-Master Replication Topographies**

Since Connector/J 5.1.27, multi-master replication topographies are supported.

The connection URL for replication discussed earlier (i.e., in the format of jdbc:mysql:replication://master,slave1,slave2,slave3/test) assumes that the first (and only the first) host is the master. Supporting deployments with an arbitrary number of masters and slaves requires a different URL syntax for specifying the hosts and the properties for specific hosts, which is just an expansion of the URL syntax discussed in IPv6 Connections with the property type=[master|slave]; for example:

```
jdbc:mysql://address=(type=master)(host=master1host),address=(type=master)(host=master2host),address=(type=sla
```

Connector/J uses a load-balanced connection internally for management of the master connections, which means that ReplicationConnection, when configured to use multiple masters, exposes the same options to balance load across master hosts as described in Section 8.2, "Configuring Load Balancing with Connector/J".

Users may specify the property allowMasterDownConnections=true to allow Connection objects to be created even though no master hosts are reachable. Such Connection objects report they are read-only, and isMasterConnection() returns false for them. The Connection tests for available master hosts when Connection.setReadOnly(false) is called, throwing an SQLException if it cannot establish a connection to a master, or switching to a master connection if the host is available.

# Live Reconfiguration of Replication Topography

Since Connector/J 5.1.28, live management of replication host (single or multi-master) topographies is also supported. This enables users to promote slaves for Java applications without requiring an application restart.

The replication hosts are most effectively managed in the context of a replication connection group. A ReplicationConnectionGroup class represents a logical grouping of connections which can be managed together. There may be one or more such replication connection groups in a given Java class loader (there can be an application with two different JDBC resources needing to be managed independently). This key class exposes host management methods for replication connections, and ReplicationConnection objects register themselves with the appropriate ReplicationConnectionGroup if a value for the new replicationConnectionGroup property is specified. The ReplicationConnectionGroup object tracks these connections until they are closed, and it is used to manipulate the hosts associated with these connections.

Some important methods related to host management include:

- getMasterHosts(): Returns a collection of strings representing the hosts configured as masters
- getSlaveHosts(): Returns a collection of strings representing the hosts configured as slaves

- addSlaveHost(String host): Adds new host to pool of possible slave hosts for selection at start of new read-only workload
- promoteSlaveToMaster(String host): Removes the host from the pool of potential slaves for future read-only processes (existing read-only process is allowed to continue to completion) and adds the host to the pool of potential master hosts
- removeSlaveHost(String host, boolean closeGently): Removes the host (host name match must be exact) from the list of configured slaves; if closeGently is false, existing connections which have this host as currently active will be closed hardly (application should expect exceptions)
- removeMasterHost(String host, boolean closeGently): Same as removeSlaveHost(), but removes the host from the list of configured masters

Some useful management metrics include:

- getConnectionCountWithHostAsSlave(String host): Returns the number of ReplicationConnection objects that have the given host configured as a possible slave
- getConnectionCountWithHostAsMaster(String host): Returns the number of ReplicationConnection objects that have the given host configured as a possible master
- getNumberOfSlavesAdded(): Returns the number of times a slave host has been dynamically added to the group pool
- getNumberOfSlavesRemoved(): Returns the number of times a slave host has been dynamically removed from the group pool
- getNumberOfSlavePromotions(): Returns the number of times a slave host has been promoted to a master
- getTotalConnectionCount(): Returns the number of ReplicationConnection objects which have been registered with this group
- getActiveConnectionCount(): Returns the number of ReplicationConnection objects currently being managed by this group

# ReplicationConnectionGroupManager

com.mysql.jdbc.ReplicationConnectionGroupManager provides access to the replication connection groups, together with some utility methods.

• getConnectionGroup(String groupName): Returns the ReplicationConnectionGroup object matching the groupName provided

The other methods in ReplicationConnectionGroupManager mirror those of ReplicationConnectionGroup, except that the first argument is a String group name. These methods will operate on all matching ReplicationConnectionGroups, which are helpful for removing a server from service and have it decommissioned across all possible ReplicationConnectionGroups.

These methods might be useful for in-JVM management of replication hosts if an application triggers topography changes. For managing host configurations from outside the JVM, JMX can be used.

# **Using JMX for Managing Replication Hosts**

When Connector/J is started with replicationEnableJMX=true and a value set for the property replicationConnectionGroup, a JMX MBean will be registered, allowing manipulation of replication hosts by a JMX client. The MBean interface is defined

in com.mysql.jdbc.jmx.ReplicationGroupManagerMBean, and leverages the ReplicationConnectionGroupManager static methods:

```
public abstract void addSlaveHost(String groupFilter, String host) throws SQLException;
public abstract void removeSlaveHost(String groupFilter, String host) throws SQLException;
public abstract void promoteSlaveToMaster(String groupFilter, String host) throws SQLException;
public abstract void removeMasterHost(String groupFilter, String host) throws SQLException;
public abstract String getMasterHostsList(String group);
public abstract String getSlaveHostsList(String group);
public abstract String getRegisteredConnectionGroups();
public abstract int getActiveMasterHostCount(String group);
public abstract int getActiveSlaveHostCount(String group);
public abstract int getSlavePromotionCount(String group);
public abstract long getTotalLogicalConnectionCount(String group);
public abstract long getActiveLogicalConnectionCount(String group);
```

# 8.4 Advanced Load-balancing and Failover Configuration

Connector/J provides a useful load-balancing implementation for MySQL Cluster or multi-master deployments, as explained in Section 8.2, "Configuring Load Balancing with Connector/J" and Support for Multiple-Master Replication Topographies. As of Connector/J 5.1.12, this same implementation is used for balancing load between read-only slaves with ReplicationDriver.

When trying to balance workload between multiple servers, the driver has to determine when it is safe to swap servers, doing so in the middle of a transaction, for example, could cause problems. It is important not to lose state information. For this reason, Connector/J will only try to pick a new server when one of the following happens:

- 1. At transaction boundaries (transactions are explicitly committed or rolled back).
- 2. A communication exception (SQL State starting with "08") is encountered.
- 3. When a SQLException matches conditions defined by user, using the extension points defined by the loadBalanceSQLStateFailover, loadBalanceSQLExceptionSubclassFailover or loadBalanceExceptionChecker properties.

The third condition revolves around three new properties introduced with Connector/J 5.1.13. It allows you to control which SQLExceptions trigger failover.

• loadBalanceExceptionChecker - The loadBalanceExceptionChecker property is really the key. This takes a fully-qualified class name which implements the new com.mysql.jdbc.LoadBalanceExceptionChecker interface. This interface is very simple, and you only need to implement the following method:

```
public boolean shouldExceptionTriggerFailover(SQLException ex)
```

A SQLException is passed in, and a boolean returned. A value of true triggers a failover, false does not.

You can use this to implement your own custom logic. An example where this might be useful is when dealing with transient errors when using MySQL Cluster, where certain buffers may become overloaded. The following code snippet illustrates this:

```
public class NdbLoadBalanceExceptionChecker
  extends StandardLoadBalanceExceptionChecker {
```

```
public boolean shouldExceptionTriggerFailover(SQLException ex) {
   return super.shouldExceptionTriggerFailover(ex)
    || checkNdbException(ex);
}

private boolean checkNdbException(SQLException ex) {
   // Have to parse the message since most NDB errors
   // are mapped to the same DEMC.
   return (ex.getMessage().startsWith("Lock wait timeout exceeded") ||
   (ex.getMessage().startsWith("Got temporary error")
   && ex.getMessage().endsWith("from NDB")));
}
```

The code above extends <code>com.mysql.jdbc.StandardLoadBalanceExceptionChecker</code>, which is the default implementation. There are a few convenient shortcuts built into this, for those who want to have some level of control using properties, without writing Java code. This default implementation uses the two remaining properties: <code>loadBalanceSQLStateFailover</code> and <code>loadBalanceSQLExceptionSubclassFailover</code>.

• loadBalanceSQLStateFailover - allows you to define a comma-delimited list of SQLState code prefixes, against which a SQLException is compared. If the prefix matches, failover is triggered. So, for example, the following would trigger a failover if a given SQLException starts with "00", or is "12345":

```
loadBalanceSQLStateFailover=00,12345
```

• loadBalanceSQLExceptionSubclassFailover - can be used in conjunction with loadBalanceSQLStateFailover or on its own. If you want certain subclasses of SQLException to trigger failover, simply provide a comma-delimited list of fully-qualified class or interface names to check against. For example, if you want all SQLTransientConnectionExceptions to trigger failover, you would specify:

```
loadBalanceSQLExceptionSubclassFailover=java.sql.SQLTransientConnectionException
```

While the three failover conditions enumerated earlier suit most situations, if autocommit is enabled, Connector/J never re-balances, and continues using the same physical connection. This can be problematic, particularly when load-balancing is being used to distribute read-only load across multiple slaves. However, Connector/J can be configured to re-balance after a certain number of statements are executed, when autocommit is enabled. This functionality is dependent upon the following properties:

- loadBalanceAutoCommitStatementThreshold defines the number of matching statements which will trigger the driver to potentially swap physical server connections. The default value, 0, retains the behavior that connections with autocommit enabled are never balanced.
- loadBalanceAutoCommitStatementRegex the regular expression against which statements must match. The default value, blank, matches all statements. So, for example, using the following properties will cause Connector/J to re-balance after every third statement that contains the string "test":

```
loadBalanceAutoCommitStatementThreshold=3
loadBalanceAutoCommitStatementRegex=.*test.*
```

loadBalanceAutoCommitStatementRegex can prove useful in a number of situations. Your application may use temporary tables, server-side session state variables, or connection state, where letting the driver arbitrarily swap physical connections before processing is complete could cause data loss or other problems. This allows you to identify a trigger statement that is only executed when it is safe to swap physical connections.

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# Chapter 9 Using the Connector/J Interceptor Classes

An interceptor is a software design pattern that provides a transparent way to extend or modify some aspect of a program, similar to a user exit. No recompiling is required. With Connector/J, the interceptors are enabled and disabled by updating the connection string to refer to different sets of interceptor classes that you instantiate.

The connection properties that control the interceptors are explained in Section 5.1, "Driver/Datasource Class Names, URL Syntax and Configuration Properties for Connector/J":

- connectionLifecycleInterceptors, where you specify the fully qualified names of classes that implement the com.mysql.jdbc.ConnectionLifecycleInterceptor interface. In these kinds of interceptor classes, you might log events such as rollbacks, measure the time between transaction start and end, or count events such as calls to setAutoCommit().
- exceptionInterceptors, where you specify the fully qualified names of classes that implement the com.mysql.jdbc.ExceptionInterceptor interface. In these kinds of interceptor classes, you might add extra diagnostic information to exceptions that can have multiple causes or indicate a problem with server settings. Because exceptionInterceptors classes are only called when handling a SQLException thrown from Connector/J code, they can be used even in production deployments without substantial performance overhead.
- statementInterceptors, where you specify the fully qualified names of classes that implement the com.mysql.jdbc.StatementInterceptorV2 interface. In these kinds of interceptor classes, you might change or augment the processing done by certain kinds of statements, such as automatically checking for queried data in a memcached server, rewriting slow queries, logging information about statement execution, or route requests to remote servers.

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# Chapter 10 Using Connector/J with Tomcat

The following instructions are based on the instructions for Tomcat-5.x, available at http://tomcat.apache.org/tomcat-5.5-doc/jndi-datasource-examples-howto.html which is current at the time this document was written.

First, install the .jar file that comes with Connector/J in \$CATALINA\_HOME/common/lib so that it is available to all applications installed in the container.

Next, configure the JNDI DataSource by adding a declaration resource to \$CATALINA\_HOME/conf/server.xml in the context that defines your web application:

```
<Context ....>
<Resource name="jdbc/MySQLDB"
           auth="Container"
           type="javax.sql.DataSource"/>
<ResourceParams name="jdbc/MySQLDB">
 <parameter>
   <name>factory</name>
   <value>org.apache.commons.dbcp.BasicDataSourceFactory</value>
 <parameter>
   <name>maxActive
   <value>10</value>
 </parameter>
 <parameter>
   <name>maxIdle</name>
   <value>5</value>
 </parameter>
 <parameter>
   <name>validationQuery</name>
   <value>SELECT 1</value>
 </parameter>
 <parameter>
   <name>testOnBorrow</name>
   <value>true</value>
 </parameter>
 <parameter>
   <name>testWhileIdle
    <value>true</value>
 </parameter>
   <name>timeBetweenEvictionRunsMillis
   <value>10000</value>
 </parameter>
 <parameter>
   <name>minEvictableIdleTimeMillis
   <value>60000</value>
  </parameter>
 <parameter>
  <name>username</name>
```

Note that Connector/J 5.1.3 introduced a facility whereby, rather than use a validationQuery value of SELECT 1, it is possible to use validationQuery with a value set to /\* ping \*/. This sends a ping to the server which then returns a fake result set. This is a lighter weight solution. It also has the advantage that if using ReplicationConnection or LoadBalancedConnection type connections, the ping will be sent across all active connections. The following XML snippet illustrates how to select this option:

```
<parameter>
  <name>validationQuery</name>
  <value>/* ping */</value>
</parameter>
```

Note that /\* ping \*/ has to be specified exactly.

In general, follow the installation instructions that come with your version of Tomcat, as the way you configure datasources in Tomcat changes from time to time, and if you use the wrong syntax in your XML file, you will most likely end up with an exception similar to the following:

```
Error: java.sql.SQLException: Cannot load JDBC driver class 'null ' SQL state: null
```

Note that the auto-loading of drivers having the META-INF/service/java.sql.Driver class in JDBC 4.0 causes an improper undeployment of the Connector/J driver in Tomcat on Windows. Namely, the Connector/J jar remains locked. This is an initialization problem that is not related to the driver. The possible workarounds, if viable, are as follows: use "antiResourceLocking=true" as a Tomcat Context attribute, or remove the META-INF/ directory.

# Chapter 11 Using Connector/J with JBoss

These instructions cover JBoss-4.x. To make the JDBC driver classes available to the application server, copy the .jar file that comes with Connector/J to the lib directory for your server configuration (which is usually called default). Then, in the same configuration directory, in the subdirectory named deploy, create a datasource configuration file that ends with -ds.xml, which tells JBoss to deploy this file as a JDBC Datasource. The file should have the following contents:

```
<datasources>
    <local-tx-datasource>
        <jndi-name>MySQLDB</jndi-name>
        <connection-url>jdbc:mysql://localhost:3306/dbname</connection-url>
        <driver-class>com.mysql.jdbc.Driver</driver-class>
        <user-name>user</user-name>
        <password>pass</password>
        <min-pool-size>5</min-pool-size>
        <max-pool-size>20</max-pool-size>
        <idle-timeout-minutes>5</idle-timeout-minutes>
        <exception-sorter-class-name>
 \verb|com.mysql.jdbc.integration.jboss.ExtendedMysqlExceptionSorter|\\
        </exception-sorter-class-name>
        <valid-connection-checker-class-name>
 \verb|com.mysql.jdbc.integration.jboss.MysqlValidConnectionChecker| \\
        </valid-connection-checker-class-name>
    </local-tx-datasource>
</datasources>
```

# Chapter 12 Using Connector/J with Spring

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The Spring Framework is a Java-based application framework designed for assisting in application design by providing a way to configure components. The technique used by Spring is a well known design pattern called Dependency Injection (see Inversion of Control Containers and the Dependency Injection pattern). This article will focus on Java-oriented access to MySQL databases with Spring 2.0. For those wondering, there is a .NET port of Spring appropriately named Spring.NET.

Spring is not only a system for configuring components, but also includes support for aspect oriented programming (AOP). This is one of the main benefits and the foundation for Spring's resource and transaction management. Spring also provides utilities for integrating resource management with JDBC and Hibernate.

For the examples in this section the MySQL world sample database will be used. The first task is to set up a MySQL data source through Spring. Components within Spring use the "bean" terminology. For example, to configure a connection to a MySQL server supporting the world sample database, you might use:

In the above example, we are assigning values to properties that will be used in the configuration. For the datasource configuration:

The placeholders are used to provide values for properties of this bean. This means that you can specify all the properties of the configuration in one place instead of entering the values for each property on each bean. We do, however, need one more bean to pull this all together. The last bean is responsible for actually replacing the placeholders with the property values.

```
<bean
class="org.springframework.beans.factory.config.PropertyPlaceholderConfigurer">
```

Now that we have our MySQL data source configured and ready to go, we write some Java code to access it. The example below will retrieve three random cities and their corresponding country using the data source we configured with Spring.

```
// Create a new application context. this processes the Spring config
ApplicationContext ctx =
   new ClassPathXmlApplicationContext("exlappContext.xml");
// Retrieve the data source from the application context
   DataSource ds = (DataSource) ctx.getBean("dataSource");
// Open a database connection using Spring's DataSourceUtils
Connection c = DataSourceUtils.getConnection(ds);
try {
    // retrieve a list of three random cities
   PreparedStatement ps = c.prepareStatement(
        "select City.Name as 'City', Country.Name as 'Country' " +
        "from City inner join Country on City.CountryCode = Country.Code " +
        "order by rand() limit 3");
    ResultSet rs = ps.executeQuery();
   while(rs.next()) {
       String city = rs.getString("City");
        String country = rs.getString("Country");
        System.out.printf("The city %s is in %s%n", city, country);
} catch (SQLException ex) {
    // something has failed and we print a stack trace to analyse the error
   ex.printStackTrace();
   // ignore failure closing connection
   try { c.close(); } catch (SQLException e) { }
 finally {
    // properly release our connection
   DataSourceUtils.releaseConnection(c, ds);
```

This is very similar to normal JDBC access to MySQL with the main difference being that we are using DataSourceUtils instead of the DriverManager to create the connection.

While it may seem like a small difference, the implications are somewhat far reaching. Spring manages this resource in a way similar to a container managed data source in a J2EE application server. When a connection is opened, it can be subsequently accessed in other parts of the code if it is synchronized with a transaction. This makes it possible to treat different parts of your application as transactional instead of passing around a database connection.

## 12.1 Using JdbcTemplate

Spring makes extensive use of the Template method design pattern (see Template Method Pattern). Our immediate focus will be on the JdbcTemplate and related classes, specifically NamedParameterJdbcTemplate. The template classes handle obtaining and releasing a connection for data access when one is needed.

The next example shows how to use NamedParameterJdbcTemplate inside of a DAO (Data Access Object) class to retrieve a random city given a country code.

```
public class Ex2JdbcDao {
    /**
    * Data source reference which will be provided by Spring.
    */
```

```
private DataSource dataSource;
 /**
 * Our query to find a random city given a country code. Notice
 * the ":country" parameter toward the end. This is called a
 * named parameter.
 * /
private String queryString = "select Name from City " +
    "where CountryCode = :country order by rand() limit 1";
 * Retrieve a random city using Spring JDBC access classes.
public String getRandomCityByCountryCode(String cntryCode) {
     // A template that permits using queries with named parameters
     NamedParameterJdbcTemplate template =
    new NamedParameterJdbcTemplate(dataSource);
     // A java.util.Map is used to provide values for the parameters
     Map params = new HashMap();
     params.put("country", cntryCode);
     // We query for an Object and specify what class we are expecting
     return (String)template.queryForObject(queryString, params, String.class);
 }
/**
* A JavaBean setter-style method to allow Spring to inject the data source.
* @param dataSource
public void setDataSource(DataSource dataSource) {
   this.dataSource = dataSource;
```

The focus in the above code is on the <code>getRandomCityByCountryCode()</code> method. We pass a country code and use the <code>NamedParameterJdbcTemplate</code> to query for a city. The country code is placed in a Map with the key "country", which is the parameter is named in the SQL query.

To access this code, you need to configure it with Spring by providing a reference to the data source.

At this point, we can just grab a reference to the DAO from Spring and call getRandomCityByCountryCode().

This example shows how to use Spring's JDBC classes to completely abstract away the use of traditional JDBC classes including Connection and PreparedStatement.

### 12.2 Transactional JDBC Access

You might be wondering how we can add transactions into our code if we do not deal directly with the JDBC classes. Spring provides a transaction management package that not only replaces JDBC transaction management, but also enables declarative transaction management (configuration instead of code).

To use transactional database access, we will need to change the storage engine of the tables in the world database. The downloaded script explicitly creates MylSAM tables which do not support transactional semantics. The InnoDB storage engine does support transactions and this is what we will be using. We can change the storage engine with the following statements.

```
ALTER TABLE City ENGINE=InnoDB;
ALTER TABLE Country ENGINE=InnoDB;
ALTER TABLE CountryLanguage ENGINE=InnoDB;
```

A good programming practice emphasized by Spring is separating interfaces and implementations. What this means is that we can create a Java interface and only use the operations on this interface without any internal knowledge of what the actual implementation is. We will let Spring manage the implementation and with this it will manage the transactions for our implementation.

First you create a simple interface:

```
public interface Ex3Dao {
    Integer createCity(String name, String countryCode,
    String district, Integer population);
}
```

This interface contains one method that will create a new city record in the database and return the id of the new record. Next you need to create an implementation of this interface.

You can see that we only operate on abstract query objects here and do not deal directly with the JDBC API. Also, this is the complete implementation. All of our transaction management will be dealt with in the configuration. To get the configuration started, we need to create the DAO.

Now you need to set up the transaction configuration. The first thing you must do is create transaction manager to manage the data source and a specification of what transaction properties are required for the dao methods.

The preceding code creates a transaction manager that handles transactions for the data source provided to it. The txAdvice uses this transaction manager and the attributes specify to create a transaction for all methods. Finally you need to apply this advice with an AOP pointcut.

This basically says that all methods called on the Ex3Dao interface will be wrapped in a transaction. To make use of this, you only have to retrieve the dao from the application context and call a method on the dao instance.

```
Ex3Dao dao = (Ex3Dao) ctx.getBean("dao");
Integer id = dao.createCity(name, countryCode, district, pop);
```

We can verify from this that there is no transaction management happening in our Java code and it is all configured with Spring. This is a very powerful notion and regarded as one of the most beneficial features of Spring.

### 12.3 Connection Pooling with Spring

In many situations, such as web applications, there will be a large number of small database transactions. When this is the case, it usually makes sense to create a pool of database connections available for web requests as needed. Although MySQL does not spawn an extra process when a connection is made, there is still a small amount of overhead to create and set up the connection. Pooling of connections also alleviates problems such as collecting large amounts of sockets in the TIME\_WAIT state.

Setting up pooling of MySQL connections with Spring is as simple as changing the data source configuration in the application context. There are a number of configurations that we can use. The first example is based on the Jakarta Commons DBCP library. The example below replaces the source configuration that was based on <code>DriverManagerDataSource</code> with DBCP's BasicDataSource.

```
<bean id="dataSource" destroy-method="close"</pre>
```

The configuration of the two solutions is very similar. The difference is that DBCP will pool connections to the database instead of creating a new connection every time one is requested. We have also set a parameter here called <code>initialSize</code>. This tells DBCP that we want three connections in the pool when it is created.

Another way to configure connection pooling is to configure a data source in our J2EE application server. Using JBoss as an example, you can set up the MySQL connection pool by creating a file called mysql-local-ds.xml and placing it in the server/default/deploy directory in JBoss. Once we have this setup, we can use JNDI to look it up. With Spring, this lookup is very simple. The data source configuration looks like this.

```
<jee:jndi-lookup id="dataSource" jndi-name="java:MySQL_DS"/>
```

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This section explains how to use MySQL Connector/J with GlassFish ™ Server Open Source Edition 3.0.1. GlassFish can be downloaded from the GlassFish website.

Once GlassFish is installed, make sure it can access MySQL Connector/J. To do this, copy the MySQL Connector/J jar file to the <code>domain-dir/lib</code> directory. For example, copy <code>mysql-connector-java-5.1.30-bin.jar</code> to <code>C:\glassfish-install-path\domains\domain-name\lib</code>. Restart the GlassFish Application Server. For more information, see "Integrating the JDBC Driver" in <code>GlassFish Server Open Source Edition Administration Guide</code>, available at GlassFish Server Documentation.

You are now ready to create JDBC Connection Pools and JDBC Resources.

#### **Creating a Connection Pool**

- In the GlassFish Administration Console, using the navigation tree navigate to Resources, JDBC, Connection Pools.
- 2. In the JDBC Connection Pools frame click New. You will enter a two step wizard.
- 3. In the **Name** field under **General Settings** enter the name for the connection pool, for example enter MySQLConnPool.
- 4. In the Resource Type field, select javax.sql.DataSource from the drop-down listbox.
- 5. In the **Database Vendor** field, select MySQL from the drop-down listbox. Click Next to go to the next page of the wizard.
- 6. You can accept the default settings for General Settings, Pool Settings and Transactions for this example. Scroll down to Additional Properties.
- 7. In Additional Properties you will need to ensure the following properties are set:
  - **ServerName** The server to connect to. For local testing this will be localhost.
  - User The user name with which to connect to MySQL.
  - Password The corresponding password for the user.
  - DatabaseName The database to connect to, for example the sample MySQL database World.
- 8. Click Finish to exit the wizard. You will be taken to the **JDBC Connection Pools** page where all current connection pools, including the one you just created, will be displayed.
- 9. In the JDBC Connection Pools frame click on the connection pool you just created. Here, you can review and edit information about the connection pool. Because Connector/J does not support optimized validation queries, go to the Advanced tab, and under Connection Validation, configure the following settings:
  - Connection Validation select Required.

- Validation Method select table from the drop-down menu.
- Table Name enter DUAL.
- 10. To test your connection pool click the Ping button at the top of the frame. A message will be displayed confirming correct operation or otherwise. If an error message is received recheck the previous steps, and ensure that MySQL Connector/J has been correctly copied into the previously specified location.

Now that you have created a connection pool you will also need to create a JDBC Resource (data source) for use by your application.

#### Creating a JDBC Resource

Your Java application will usually reference a data source object to establish a connection with the database. This needs to be created first using the following procedure.

- Using the navigation tree in the GlassFish Administration Console, navigate to Resources, JDBC,
   JDBC Resources. A list of resources will be displayed in the JDBC Resources frame.
- Click New. The New JDBC Resource frame will be displayed.
- In the JNDI Name field, enter the JNDI name that will be used to access this resource, for example enter jdbc/MySQLDataSource.
- In the Pool Name field, select a connection pool you want this resource to use from the drop-down listbox.
- Optionally, you can enter a description into the **Description** field.
- Additional properties can be added if required.
- Click OK to create the new JDBC resource. The JDBC Resources frame will list all available JDBC Resources.

# 13.1 A Simple JSP Application with GlassFish, Connector/J and MySQL

This section shows how to deploy a simple JSP application on GlassFish, that connects to a MySQL database.

This example assumes you have already set up a suitable Connection Pool and JDBC Resource, as explained in the preceding sections. It is also assumed you have a sample database installed, such as world.

The main application code, index. jsp is presented here:

```
<%@ page import="java.sql.*, javax.sql.*, javax.io.*, javax.naming.*" %>
<html>
<head><title>Hello world from JSP</title></head>
<body>
<%
    InitialContext ctx;
    DataSource ds;
    Connection conn;
    Statement stmt;
    ResultSet rs;</pre>
```

```
try {
    ctx = new InitialContext();
    ds = (DataSource) ctx.lookup("java:comp/env/jdbc/MySQLDataSource");
    //ds = (DataSource) ctx.lookup("jdbc/MySQLDataSource");
    conn = ds.getConnection();
    stmt = conn.createStatement();
    rs = stmt.executeQuery("SELECT * FROM Country");
    while(rs.next()) {
응>
    <h3>Name: <%= rs.getString("Name") %></h3>
    <h3>Population: <%= rs.getString("Population") %></h3>
<%
 catch (SQLException se) {
    <%= se.getMessage() %>
<%
 catch (NamingException ne) {
응>
    <%= ne.getMessage() %>
<%
 }
응>
</body>
</html>
```

In addition two XML files are required: web.xml, and sun-web.xml. There may be other files present, such as classes and images. These files are organized into the directory structure as follows:

```
index.jsp
WEB-INF
|
- web.xml
- sun-web.xml
```

The code for web.xml is:

The code for sun-web.xml is:

```
<res-ref-name>jdbc/MySQLDataSource</res-ref-name>
  <jndi-name>jdbc/MySQLDataSource</jndi-name>
  </resource-ref>
</sun-web-app>
```

These XML files illustrate a very important aspect of running JDBC applications on GlassFish. On GlassFish it is important to map the string specified for a JDBC resource to its JNDI name, as set up in the GlassFish administration console. In this example, the JNDI name for the JDBC resource, as specified in the GlassFish Administration console when creating the JDBC Resource, was jdbc/MySQLDataSource. This must be mapped to the name given in the application. In this example the name specified in the application, jdbc/MySQLDataSource, and the JNDI name, happen to be the same, but this does not necessarily have to be the case. Note that the XML element <res-ref-name> is used to specify the name as used in the application source code, and this is mapped to the JNDI name specified using the <jndi-name> element, in the file sun-web.xml. The resource also has to be created in the web.xml file, although the mapping of the resource to a JNDI name takes place in the sun-web.xml file.

If you do not have this mapping set up correctly in the XML files you will not be able to lookup the data source using a JNDI lookup string such as:

```
ds = (DataSource) ctx.lookup("java:comp/env/jdbc/MySQLDataSource");
```

You will still be able to access the data source directly using:

```
ds = (DataSource) ctx.lookup("jdbc/MySQLDataSource");
```

With the source files in place, in the correct directory structure, you are ready to deploy the application:

- In the navigation tree, navigate to Applications the Applications frame will be displayed. Click Deploy.
- 2. You can now deploy an application packaged into a single WAR file from a remote client, or you can choose a packaged file or directory that is locally accessible to the server. If you are simply testing an application locally you can simply point GlassFish at the directory that contains your application, without needing to package the application into a WAR file.
- 3. Now select the application type from the **Type** drop-down listbox, which in this example is web application.
- 4. Click OK.

Now, when you navigate to the **Applications** frame, you will have the option to **Launch**, **Redeploy**, or **Restart** your application. You can test your application by clicking **Launch**. The application will connection to the MySQL database and display the Name and Population of countries in the Country table.

## 13.2 A Simple Servlet with GlassFish, Connector/J and MySQL

This section describes a simple servlet that can be used in the GlassFish environment to access a MySQL database. As with the previous section, this example assumes the sample database world is installed.

The project is set up with the following directory structure:

```
- classes
|
- HelloWebServlet.java
- HelloWebServlet.class
```

The code for the servlet, located in HelloWebServlet.java, is as follows:

```
import javax.servlet.http.*;
import javax.servlet.*;
import java.io.*;
import java.sql.*;
import javax.sql.*;
import javax.naming.*;
public class HelloWebServlet extends HttpServlet {
 InitialContext ctx = null;
 DataSource ds = null;
 Connection conn = null;
 PreparedStatement ps = null;
 ResultSet rs = null;
 String sql = "SELECT Name, Population FROM Country WHERE Name=?";
 public void init () throws ServletException {
   try {
      ctx = new InitialContext();
     ds = (DataSource) ctx.lookup("java:comp/env/jdbc/MySQLDataSource");
      conn = ds.getConnection();
     ps = conn.prepareStatement(sql);
   catch (SQLException se) {
     System.out.println("SQLException: "+se.getMessage());
   catch (NamingException ne) {
      System.out.println("NamingException: "+ne.getMessage());
  }
 public void destroy () {
   try {
     if (rs != null)
       rs.close();
     if (ps != null)
       ps.close();
      if (conn != null)
       conn.close();
      if (ctx != null)
       ctx.close();
   catch (SQLException se) {
     System.out.println("SQLException: "+se.getMessage());
   catch (NamingException ne) {
      System.out.println("NamingException: "+ne.getMessage());
 }
 public void doPost(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse resp){
   try {
      String country_name = req.getParameter("country_name");
      resp.setContentType("text/html");
      PrintWriter writer = resp.getWriter();
      writer.println("<html><body>");
      writer.println("Country: "+country_name+"");
```

```
ps.setString(1, country_name);
   rs = ps.executeQuery();
   if (!rs.next()){
     writer.println("Country does not exist!");
   else {
     rs.beforeFirst();
     while(rs.next()) {
       writer.println("Name: "+rs.getString("Name")+"");
       writer.println("Population: "+rs.getString("Population")+"");
   writer.println("</body></html>");
   writer.close();
 catch (Exception e) {
   e.printStackTrace();
public void doGet(HttpServletRequest req, HttpServletResponse resp){
 try {
   resp.setContentType("text/html");
   PrintWriter writer = resp.getWriter();
   writer.println("<html><body>");
   writer.println("Hello from servlet doGet()");
   writer.println("</body></html>");
   writer.close();
 catch (Exception e) {
   e.printStackTrace();
}
```

In the preceding code a basic <code>doGet()</code> method is implemented, but is not used in the example. The code to establish the connection with the database is as shown in the previous example, Section 13.1, "A Simple JSP Application with GlassFish, Connector/J and MySQL", and is most conveniently located in the servlet <code>init()</code> method. The corresponding freeing of resources is located in the destroy method. The main functionality of the servlet is located in the <code>doPost()</code> method. If the user enters into the input form a country name that can be located in the database, the population of the country is returned. The code is invoked using a POST action associated with the input form. The form is defined in the file <code>index.html</code>:

The XML files web.xml and sun-web.xml are as for the example in the preceding section, Section 13.1, "A Simple JSP Application with GlassFish, Connector/J and MySQL", no additional changes are required.

When compiling the Java source code, you will need to specify the path to the file <code>javaee.jar</code>. On Windows, this can be done as follows:

```
shell> javac -classpath c:\glassfishv3\glassfish\lib\javaee.jar HelloWebServlet.java
```

Once the code is correctly located within its directory structure, and compiled, the application can be deployed in GlassFish. This is done in exactly the same way as described in the preceding section, Section 13.1, "A Simple JSP Application with GlassFish, Connector/J and MySQL".

Once deployed the application can be launched from within the GlassFish Administration Console. Enter a country name such as "England", and the application will return "Country does not exist!". Enter "France", and the application will return a population of 59225700.



## Chapter 14 Using Connector/J with MySQL Fabric

MySQL Fabric is a system for managing a farm of MySQL servers (and other components). Fabric provides an extensible and easy to use system for managing a MySQL deployment for sharding and high-availability.

For more information on MySQL Fabric, see MySQL Fabric. For instructions on how to use Connector/J with MySQL Fabric, see Using Connector/J with MySQL Fabric.

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## Chapter 15 Troubleshooting Connector/J Applications

This section explains the symptoms and resolutions for the most commonly encountered issues with applications using MySQL Connector/J.

#### Questions

 15.1: [118] When I try to connect to the database with MySQL Connector/J, I get the following exception:

```
SQLException: Server configuration denies access to data source SQLState: 08001
VendorError: 0
```

What is going on? I can connect just fine with the MySQL command-line client.

- 15.2: [118] My application throws an SQLException 'No Suitable Driver'. Why is this happening?
- 15.3: [119] I'm trying to use MySQL Connector/J in an applet or application and I get an exception similar to:

```
SQLException: Cannot connect to MySQL server on host:3306.

Is there a MySQL server running on the machine/port you are trying to connect to?

(java.security.AccessControlException)

SQLState: 08S01

VendorError: 0
```

- 15.4: [119] I have a servlet/application that works fine for a day, and then stops working overnight
- 15.5: [121] I'm trying to use JDBC 2.0 updatable result sets, and I get an exception saying my result set is not updatable.
- 15.6: [122] I cannot connect to the MySQL server using Connector/J, and I'm sure the connection parameters are correct.
- 15.7: [122] I am trying to connect to my MySQL server within my application, but I get the following error and stack trace:

```
java.net.SocketException
MESSAGE: Software caused connection abort: recv failed
STACKTRACE:

java.net.SocketException: Software caused connection abort: recv failed
at java.net.SocketInputStream.socketReadO(Native Method)
at java.net.SocketInputStream.read(Unknown Source)
at com.mysql.jdbc.MysqlIO.readFully(MysqlIO.java:1392)
at com.mysql.jdbc.MysqlIO.readPacket(MysqlIO.java:1414)
at com.mysql.jdbc.MysqlIO.doHandshake(MysqlIO.java:625)
at com.mysql.jdbc.Connection.createNewIO(Connection.java:1926)
at com.mysql.jdbc.Connection.<init>(Connection.java:452)
at com.mysql.jdbc.NonRegisteringDriver.connect(NonRegisteringDriver.java:411)
```

 15.8: [122] My application is deployed through JBoss and I am using transactions to handle the statements on the MySQL database. Under heavy loads, I am getting an error and stack trace, but these only occur after a fixed period of heavy activity.

- 15.9: [122] When using gcj, a java.io.CharConversionException exception is raised when working with certain character sequences.
- 15.10: [122] Updating a table that contains a primary key that is either FLOAT or compound primary key that uses FLOAT fails to update the table and raises an exception.
- 15.11: [123] You get an ER\_NET\_PACKET\_TOO\_LARGE exception, even though the binary blob size you want to insert using JDBC is safely below the max\_allowed\_packet size.
- 15.12: [123] What should you do if you receive error messages similar to the following: "Communications link failure Last packet sent to the server was X ms ago"?
- 15.13: [124] Why does Connector/J not reconnect to MySQL and re-issue the statement after a communication failure, instead of throwing an Exception, even though I use the autoReconnect connection string option?
- 15.14: [125] How can I use 3-byte UTF8 with Connector/J?
- 15.15: [125] How can I use 4-byte UTF8, utf8mb4 with Connector/J?
- 15.16: [125] Using useServerPrepStmts=false and certain character encodings can lead to corruption when inserting BLOBs. How can this be avoided?

#### **Questions and Answers**

#### 15.1: When I try to connect to the database with MySQL Connector/J, I get the following exception:

```
SQLException: Server configuration denies access to data source
SQLState: 08001
VendorError: 0
```

#### What is going on? I can connect just fine with the MySQL command-line client.

MySQL Connector/J must use TCP/IP sockets to connect to MySQL, as Java does not support Unix Domain Sockets. Therefore, when MySQL Connector/J connects to MySQL, the security manager in MySQL server will use its grant tables to determine whether the connection is permitted.

You must add the necessary security credentials to the MySQL server for this to happen, using the GRANT statement to your MySQL Server. See GRANT Syntax, for more information.

#### Note

Testing your connectivity with the <code>mysql</code> command-line client will not work unless you add the "host" flag, and use something other than <code>localhost</code> for the host. The <code>mysql</code> command-line client will use Unix domain sockets if you use the special host name <code>localhost</code>. If you are testing connectivity to <code>localhost</code>, use <code>127.0.0.1</code> as the host name instead.

#### Warning

Changing privileges and permissions improperly in MySQL can potentially cause your server installation to not have optimal security properties.

#### 15.2: My application throws an SQLException 'No Suitable Driver'. Why is this happening?

There are three possible causes for this error:

- The Connector/J driver is not in your CLASSPATH, see Chapter 3, Connector/J Installation.
- The format of your connection URL is incorrect, or you are referencing the wrong JDBC driver.

• When using DriverManager, the jdbc.drivers system property has not been populated with the location of the Connector/J driver.

## 15.3: I'm trying to use MySQL Connector/J in an applet or application and I get an exception similar to:

```
SQLException: Cannot connect to MySQL server on host:3306.

Is there a MySQL server running on the machine/port you are trying to connect to?

(java.security.AccessControlException)

SQLState: 08S01

VendorError: 0
```

Either you're running an Applet, your MySQL server has been installed with the "skip-networking" option set, or your MySQL server has a firewall sitting in front of it.

Applets can only make network connections back to the machine that runs the web server that served the .class files for the applet. This means that MySQL must run on the same machine (or you must have some sort of port re-direction) for this to work. This also means that you will not be able to test applets from your local file system, you must always deploy them to a web server.

MySQL Connector/J can only communicate with MySQL using TCP/IP, as Java does not support Unix domain sockets. TCP/IP communication with MySQL might be affected if MySQL was started with the "skip-networking" flag, or if it is firewalled.

If MySQL has been started with the "skip-networking" option set (the Debian Linux package of MySQL server does this for example), you need to comment it out in the file /etc/mysql/my.cnf or /etc/my.cnf. Of course your my.cnf file might also exist in the data directory of your MySQL server, or anywhere else (depending on how MySQL was compiled for your system). Binaries created by us always look in /etc/my.cnf and datadir/my.cnf. If your MySQL server has been firewalled, you will need to have the firewall configured to allow TCP/IP connections from the host where your Java code is running to the MySQL server on the port that MySQL is listening to (by default, 3306).

#### 15.4: I have a servlet/application that works fine for a day, and then stops working overnight

MySQL closes connections after 8 hours of inactivity. You either need to use a connection pool that handles stale connections or use the autoReconnect parameter (see Section 5.1, "Driver/Datasource Class Names, URL Syntax and Configuration Properties for Connector/J").

Also, catch SQLExceptions in your application and deal with them, rather than propagating them all the way until your application exits. This is just good programming practice. MySQL Connector/J will set the SQLState (see java.sql.SQLException.getSQLState() in your API docs) to 08S01 when it encounters network-connectivity issues during the processing of a query. Attempt to reconnect to MySQL at this point.

The following (simplistic) example shows what code that can handle these exceptions might look like:

#### Example 15.1 Connector/J: Example of transaction with retry logic

```
public void doBusinessOp() throws SQLException {
   Connection conn = null;
   Statement stmt = null;
   ResultSet rs = null;

   //
   // How many times do you want to retry the transaction
   // (or at least _getting_ a connection)?
   //
   //
```

```
int retryCount = 5;
boolean transactionCompleted = false;
do {
    try {
        conn = getConnection(); // assume getting this from a
                                 // javax.sql.DataSource, or the
                                // java.sql.DriverManager
        conn.setAutoCommit(false);
        // Okay, at this point, the 'retry-ability' of the
        // transaction really depends on your application logic,
        // whether or not you're using autocommit (in this case
        // not), and whether you're using transactional storage
        // engines
        // For this example, we'll assume that it's _not_ safe
        // to retry the entire transaction, so we set retry
        // count to 0 at this point
        \//\  If you were using exclusively transaction-safe tables,
        \ensuremath{//} or your application could recover from a connection going
        // bad in the middle of an operation, then you would not
        // touch 'retryCount' here, and just let the loop repeat
        // until retryCount == 0.
        11
        retryCount = 0;
        stmt = conn.createStatement();
        String query = "SELECT foo FROM bar ORDER BY baz";
        rs = stmt.executeQuery(query);
        while (rs.next()) {
        rs.close();
        rs = null;
        stmt.close();
        stmt = null;
        conn.commit();
        conn.close();
        conn = null;
        transactionCompleted = true;
    } catch (SQLException sqlEx) {
        // The two SQL states that are 'retry-able' are 08S01
        // for a communications error, and 40001 for deadlock.
        // Only retry if the error was due to a stale connection,
        // communications problem or deadlock
        String sqlState = sqlEx.getSQLState();
        if ("08S01".equals(sqlState) || "40001".equals(sqlState)) {
            retryCount -= 1;
        } else {
            retryCount = 0;
```

```
} finally {
       if (rs != null) {
           try {
               rs.close();
            } catch (SQLException sqlEx) {
               // You'd probably want to log this...
       if (stmt != null) {
           try {
               stmt.close();
            } catch (SQLException sqlEx) {
               // You'd probably want to log this as well...
       if (conn != null) {
           try {
               // If we got here, and conn is not null, the
                // transaction should be rolled back, as not
                // all work has been done
                   conn.rollback();
                } finally {
                    conn.close();
            } catch (SQLException sqlEx) {
               // If we got an exception here, something
                // pretty serious is going on, so we better
                // pass it up the stack, rather than just
                // logging it...
                throw sqlEx;
} while (!transactionCompleted && (retryCount > 0));
```

#### Note

Use of the autoReconnect option is not recommended because there is no safe method of reconnecting to the MySQL server without risking some corruption of the connection state or database state information. Instead, use a connection pool, which will enable your application to connect to the MySQL server using an available connection from the pool. The autoReconnect facility is deprecated, and may be removed in a future release.

## 15.5: I'm trying to use JDBC 2.0 updatable result sets, and I get an exception saying my result set is not updatable.

Because MySQL does not have row identifiers, MySQL Connector/J can only update result sets that have come from queries on tables that have at least one primary key, the query must select every primary key column, and the query can only span one table (that is, no joins). This is outlined in the JDBC specification.

Note that this issue only occurs when using updatable result sets, and is caused because Connector/J is unable to guarantee that it can identify the correct rows within the result set to be updated without having a unique reference to each row. There is no requirement to have a unique field on a table if you are using

UPDATE or DELETE statements on a table where you can individually specify the criteria to be matched using a WHERE clause.

## 15.6: I cannot connect to the MySQL server using Connector/J, and I'm sure the connection parameters are correct.

Make sure that the skip-networking option has not been enabled on your server. Connector/J must be able to communicate with your server over TCP/IP; named sockets are not supported. Also ensure that you are not filtering connections through a firewall or other network security system. For more information, see Can't connect to [local] MySQL server.

## 15.7: I am trying to connect to my MySQL server within my application, but I get the following error and stack trace:

```
java.net.SocketException
MESSAGE: Software caused connection abort: recv failed
STACKTRACE:

java.net.SocketException: Software caused connection abort: recv failed
at java.net.SocketInputStream.socketReadO(Native Method)
at java.net.SocketInputStream.read(Unknown Source)
at com.mysql.jdbc.MysqlIO.readFully(MysqlIO.java:1392)
at com.mysql.jdbc.MysqlIO.readPacket(MysqlIO.java:1414)
at com.mysql.jdbc.MysqlIO.doHandshake(MysqlIO.java:625)
at com.mysql.jdbc.Connection.createNewIO(Connection.java:1926)
at com.mysql.jdbc.Connection.
```

The error probably indicates that you are using a older version of the Connector/J JDBC driver (2.0.14 or 3.0.x) and you are trying to connect to a MySQL server with version 4.1x or newer. The older drivers are not compatible with 4.1 or newer of MySQL as they do not support the newer authentication mechanisms.

It is likely that the older version of the Connector/J driver exists within your application directory or your CLASSPATH includes the older Connector/J package.

15.8: My application is deployed through JBoss and I am using transactions to handle the statements on the MySQL database. Under heavy loads, I am getting an error and stack trace, but these only occur after a fixed period of heavy activity.

This is a JBoss, not Connector/J, issue and is connected to the use of transactions. Under heavy loads the time taken for transactions to complete can increase, and the error is caused because you have exceeded the predefined timeout.

You can increase the timeout value by setting the <code>TransactionTimeout</code> attribute to the <code>TransactionManagerService</code> within the <code>/conf/jboss-service.xml</code> file (pre-4.0.3) or <code>/deploy/jta-service.xml</code> for JBoss 4.0.3 or later. See <code>TransactionTimeout</code> within the JBoss wiki for more information.

## 15.9: When using gcj, a java.io.CharConversionException exception is raised when working with certain character sequences.

This is a known issue with gcj which raises an exception when it reaches an unknown character or one it cannot convert. Add useJvmCharsetConverters=true to your connection string to force character conversion outside of the gcj libraries, or try a different JDK.

15.10: Updating a table that contains a primary key that is either FLOAT or compound primary key that uses FLOAT fails to update the table and raises an exception.

Connector/J adds conditions to the WHERE clause during an UPDATE to check the old values of the primary key. If there is no match, then Connector/J considers this a failure condition and raises an exception.

The problem is that rounding differences between supplied values and the values stored in the database may mean that the values never match, and hence the update fails. The issue will affect all queries, not just those from Connector/J.

To prevent this issue, use a primary key that does not use FLOAT. If you have to use a floating point column in your primary key, use DOUBLE or DECIMAL types in place of FLOAT.

15.11: You get an ER\_NET\_PACKET\_TOO\_LARGE exception, even though the binary blob size you want to insert using JDBC is safely below the max\_allowed\_packet size.

This is because the hexEscapeBlock() method in com.mysql.jdbc.PreparedStatement.streamToBytes() may almost double the size of your data.

## 15.12: What should you do if you receive error messages similar to the following: "Communications link failure – Last packet sent to the server was X ms ago"?

Generally speaking, this error suggests that the network connection has been closed. There can be several root causes:

- Firewalls or routers may clamp down on idle connections (the MySQL client/server protocol does not ping).
- The MySQL Server may be closing idle connections that exceed the wait\_timeout or interactive timeout threshold.

To help troubleshoot these issues, the following tips can be used. If a recent (5.1.13+) version of Connector/J is used, you will see an improved level of information compared to earlier versions. Older versions simply display the last time a packet was sent to the server, which is frequently 0 ms ago. This is of limited use, as it may be that a packet was just sent, while a packet from the server has not been received for several hours. Knowing the period of time since Connector/J last received a packet from the server is useful information, so if this is not displayed in your exception message, it is recommended that you update Connector/J.

Further, if the time a packet was last sent/received exceeds the wait\_timeout or interactive\_timeout threshold, this is noted in the exception message.

Although network connections can be volatile, the following can be helpful in avoiding problems:

- Ensure connections are valid when used from the connection pool. Use a query that starts with /\* ping \*/ to execute a lightweight ping instead of full query. Note, the syntax of the ping needs to be exactly as specified here.
- Minimize the duration a connection object is left idle while other application logic is executed.
- Explicitly validate the connection before using it if the connection has been left idle for an extended period of time.
- Ensure that wait\_timeout and interactive\_timeout are set sufficiently high.
- Ensure that tcpKeepalive is enabled.
- Ensure that any configurable firewall or router timeout settings allow for the maximum expected connection idle time.

#### Note

Do not expect to be able to reuse a connection without problems, if it has being lying idle for a period. If a connection is to be reused after being idle for any length of time, ensure that you explicitly test it before reusing it.

15.13: Why does Connector/J not reconnect to MySQL and re-issue the statement after a communication failure, instead of throwing an Exception, even though I use the autoReconnect connection string option?

There are several reasons for this. The first is transactional integrity. The MySQL Reference Manual states that "there is no safe method of reconnecting to the MySQL server without risking some corruption of the connection state or database state information". Consider the following series of statements for example:

```
conn.createStatement().execute(
  "UPDATE checking_account SET balance = balance - 1000.00 WHERE customer='Smith'");
conn.createStatement().execute(
  "UPDATE savings_account SET balance = balance + 1000.00 WHERE customer='Smith'");
conn.commit();
```

Consider the case where the connection to the server fails after the UPDATE to checking\_account. If no exception is thrown, and the application never learns about the problem, it will continue executing. However, the server did not commit the first transaction in this case, so that will get rolled back. But execution continues with the next transaction, and increases the savings\_account balance by 1000. The application did not receive an exception, so it continued regardless, eventually committing the second transaction, as the commit only applies to the changes made in the new connection. Rather than a transfer taking place, a deposit was made in this example.

Note that running with autocommit enabled does not solve this problem. When Connector/J encounters a communication problem, there is no means to determine whether the server processed the currently executing statement or not. The following theoretical states are equally possible:

- The server never received the statement, and therefore no related processing occurred on the server.
- The server received the statement, executed it in full, but the response was not received by the client.

If you are running with autocommit enabled, it is not possible to guarantee the state of data on the server when a communication exception is encountered. The statement may have reached the server, or it may not. All you know is that communication failed at some point, before the client received confirmation (or data) from the server. This does not only affect autocommit statements though. If the communication problem occurred during Connection.commit(), the question arises of whether the transaction was committed on the server before the communication failed, or whether the server received the commit request at all.

The second reason for the generation of exceptions is that transaction-scoped contextual data may be vulnerable, for example:

- · Temporary tables.
- · User-defined variables.
- Server-side prepared statements.

These items are lost when a connection fails, and if the connection silently reconnects without generating an exception, this could be detrimental to the correct execution of your application.

In summary, communication errors generate conditions that may well be unsafe for Connector/J to simply ignore by silently reconnecting. It is necessary for the application to be notified. It is then for the application developer to decide how to proceed in the event of connection errors and failures.

#### 15.14: How can I use 3-byte UTF8 with Connector/J?

To use 3-byte UTF8 with Connector/J set characterEncoding=utf8 and set useUnicode=true in the connection string.

#### 15.15: How can I use 4-byte UTF8, utf8mb4 with Connector/J?

To use 4-byte UTF8 with Connector/J configure the MySQL server with <a href="mailto:character\_set\_server=utf8mb4">character\_set\_server=utf8mb4</a>. Connector/J will then use that setting as long as <a href="mailto:characterEncoding">characterEncoding</a> has not been set in the connection string. This is equivalent to autodetection of the character set.

## 15.16: Using useServerPrepStmts=false and certain character encodings can lead to corruption when inserting BLOBs. How can this be avoided?

When using certain character encodings, such as SJIS, CP932, and BIG5, it is possible that BLOB data contains characters that can be interpreted as control characters, for example, backslash, '\'. This can lead to corrupted data when inserting BLOBs into the database. There are two things that need to be done to avoid this:

- 1. Set the connection string option useServerPrepStmts to true.
- 2. Set SQL\_MODE to NO\_BACKSLASH\_ESCAPES.

## Chapter 16 Known Issues and Limitations

The following are some known issues and limitations for MySQL Connector/J:

 When Connector/J retrieves timestamps for a daylight saving time (DST) switch day using the getTimeStamp() method on the result set, some of the returned values might be wrong. The errors can be avoided by using the following connection options when connecting to a database:

useTimezone=true
useLegacyDatetimeCode=false
serverTimezone=UTC

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## 17.1 Connector/J Community Support

Oracle provides assistance to the user community by means of its mailing lists. For Connector/J related issues, you can get help from experienced users by using the MySQL and Java mailing list. Archives and subscription information is available online at <a href="http://lists.mysql.com/java">http://lists.mysql.com/java</a>.

For information about subscribing to MySQL mailing lists or to browse list archives, visit http://lists.mysql.com/. See MySQL Mailing Lists.

Community support from experienced users is also available through the JDBC Forum. You may also find help from other users in the other MySQL Forums, located at http://forums.mysql.com. See MySQL Community Support at the MySQL Forums.

### 17.2 How to Report Connector/J Bugs or Problems

The normal place to report bugs is <a href="http://bugs.mysql.com/">http://bugs.mysql.com/</a>, which is the address for our bugs database. This database is public, and can be browsed and searched by anyone. If you log in to the system, you will also be able to enter new reports.

If you find a sensitive security bug in MySQL Server, please let us know immediately by sending an email message to <secalert\_us@oracle.com>. Exception: Support customers should report all problems, including security bugs, to Oracle Support at http://support.oracle.com/.

Writing a good bug report takes patience, but doing it right the first time saves time both for us and for yourself. A good bug report, containing a full test case for the bug, makes it very likely that we will fix the bug in the next release.

This section will help you write your report correctly so that you do not waste your time doing things that may not help us much or at all.

If you have a repeatable bug report, please report it to the bugs database at <a href="http://bugs.mysql.com/">http://bugs.mysql.com/</a>. Any bug that we are able to repeat has a high chance of being fixed in the next MySQL release.

To report other problems, you can use one of the MySQL mailing lists.

Remember that it is possible for us to respond to a message containing too much information, but not to one containing too little. People often omit facts because they think they know the cause of a problem and assume that some details do not matter.

A good principle is this: If you are in doubt about stating something, state it. It is faster and less troublesome to write a couple more lines in your report than to wait longer for the answer if we must ask you to provide information that was missing from the initial report.

The most common errors made in bug reports are (a) not including the version number of Connector/J or MySQL used, and (b) not fully describing the platform on which Connector/J is installed (including the JVM version, and the platform type and version number that MySQL itself is installed on).

This is highly relevant information, and in 99 cases out of 100, the bug report is useless without it. Very often we get questions like, "Why doesn't this work for me?" Then we find that the feature requested wasn't implemented in that MySQL version, or that a bug described in a report has already been fixed in newer MySQL versions.

Sometimes the error is platform-dependent; in such cases, it is next to impossible for us to fix anything without knowing the operating system and the version number of the platform.

If at all possible, create a repeatable, standalone testcase that doesn't involve any third-party classes.

To streamline this process, we ship a base class for testcases with Connector/J, named 'com.mysql.jdbc.util.BaseBugReport'. To create a testcase for Connector/J using this class, create your own class that inherits from com.mysql.jdbc.util.BaseBugReport and override the methods setUp(), tearDown() and runTest().

In the setUp() method, create code that creates your tables, and populates them with any data needed to demonstrate the bug.

In the runTest() method, create code that demonstrates the bug using the tables and data you created in the setUp method.

In the tearDown() method, drop any tables you created in the setUp() method.

In any of the above three methods, use one of the variants of the <code>getConnection()</code> method to create a JDBC connection to MySQL:

- getConnection() Provides a connection to the JDBC URL specified in getUrl(). If a connection already exists, that connection is returned, otherwise a new connection is created.
- getNewConnection() Use this if you need to get a new connection for your bug report (that is, there is more than one connection involved).
- getConnection(String url) Returns a connection using the given URL.
- getConnection(String url, Properties props) Returns a connection using the given URL and properties.

If you need to use a JDBC URL that is different from 'jdbc:mysql:///test', override the method getUrl() as well.

Use the assertTrue(boolean expression) and assertTrue(String failureMessage, boolean expression) methods to create conditions that must be met in your testcase demonstrating the behavior you are expecting (vs. the behavior you are observing, which is why you are most likely filing a bug report).

Finally, create a main() method that creates a new instance of your testcase, and calls the run method:

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
    new MyBugReport().run();
}
```

Once you have finished your testcase, and have verified that it demonstrates the bug you are reporting, upload it with your bug report to http://bugs.mysql.com/.

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