Load Testing Tools

for Troubleshooting MySQL Concurrency Issues

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- This is very personal webinar
 - No intended use
 - No best practices
 - No QA-specific tools
 - Real life don't generate queries
 - Each customer has its own corner case
 - Typical issues usually already found by QA team before first GA release date
 - Creative by nature



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 - Unless have a reason to
 Performance Schema Benchmarks: OLTP RW



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 - Locking issues
 - Crashes
 - Custom slowdowns
 - Replication issues
 - Almost everything!



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- It helps to fix them!



Few Examples



Create binary log events

- 3. Connect to master, create database foo.
- 4. In parallel client start some load:

```
mysqlslap --user=root --host=127.0.0.1 --port=13000 --create-schema=foo \
--query="create table if not exists t1(f1 int); insert into t1 values(1); \
drop table if exists t1;" -c 10 -i 10000
```

- 5. kill -9 slave process
- 6. Restart MTR in dirty mode:



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Few Examples



Generate parallel load

6. Run concurrent environment:

```
sysbench --test=/home/sveta/src/sysbench/sysbench/tests/db/oltp.lua --mysql-engine-trx=yes \
--mysql-table-engine=innodb --oltp_table_size=1000 --oltp_tables_count=1 --mysql-user=root \
--mysql-host=127.0.0.1 --mysql-port=13000 --num-threads=8 --max-requests=1000 run
```

7. Turn OFF and ON slow log:

```
mysql> set global slow_query_log=0;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0,09 sec)
mysql> set global slow_query_log=1;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0,00 sec)
```

8. Now you have 4 descriptors:



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Few Examples



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Prepare data

```
--disable_query_log
--let $i=10
while($i)
{
insert into cartest values (null, 1);
--dec $i
}
--enable_query_log
```



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What Do I Do?



Single Thread Issues: MySQL CLI

Benchmarking tool by nature



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Benchmarking tool by nature

- Access to
 - Status variables
 - Engine status
 - Performance Schema
 - All internal troubleshooting tools



More than One Query: SHELL

Shell is our friend

```
$ while (true); do mysql -e "flush slow logs"; done
...
$ for i in 'seq 1 1 100000'; \
   do mysql -e "insert into t1(id, myfield) values \
    ($i, ''cat /dev/urandom | tr -dc A-Za-z0-9 | head -c $(( RANDOM % (250 - 5 + 1 ) + 5 ))'')"; \
   done
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- Helps to
 - Generate data
 - Craft queries with slightly various parameters
- Execute in multiple terminals
 - To imitate concurrent load



Queries without variations

```
$ mysqlslap --concurrency=8 --number-of-queries=1000 \
    --query="REPLACE INTO mytest (ts, id, f1, f2, f3, f4) \
    VALUES (now(), 1000*rand(), 'field text', 1000000*rand(), 'more text', 1)" \
    --create-schema=test \
    --pre-query="CREATE TABLE test.mytest(ts TIMESTAMP, id INT NOT NULL PRIMARY KEY, \
    f1 VARCHAR(255), f2 INT, f3 CHAR(20), f4 INT) ENGINE=INNODB" \
    --post-query="DROP TABLE test.mytest"
    Benchmark
    Average number of seconds to run all queries: 113.591 seconds
    Minimum number of seconds to run all queries: 113.591 seconds
    Number of clients running queries: 8
    Average number of queries per client: 125
```



- Queries without variations
- Supports auto-generated SQL

```
$ time mysqlslap --concurrency=8 --auto-generate-sql --number-of-queries=100
Benchmark
Average number of seconds to run all queries: 8.126 seconds
Minimum number of seconds to run all queries: 8.126 seconds
Maximum number of seconds to run all queries: 8.126 seconds
Number of clients running queries: 8
Average number of queries per client: 12
```

```
real 1m37.932s
user 0m0.032s
sys 0m0.008s
```



- Queries without variations
- Supports auto-generated SQL
- Helpful for
 - Simple query patterns
 - When you need to imitate some activity
 - Generate binary log events



- Queries without variations
- Supports auto-generated SQL
- Helpful for
- Should be used with care
 - In auto-generate mode drops schema
 - No matter if it has other tables of not!
 - Always use option --no-drop
 - Do not use on production databases



Comes with standard OLTP tests

```
$ sysbench --test=/home/sveta/src/sysbench/sysbench/tests/db/oltp.lua \
    --mysql-engine-trx=yes --mysql-table-engine=innodb --oltp_table_size=10000 \
    --oltp_tables_count=2 --num-threads=8 \
    --mysql-user=root --mysql-host=127.0.0.1 --mysql-port=13002 prepare
    sysbench 0.5: multi-threaded system evaluation benchmark

Creating table 'sbtest1'...
Inserting 10000 records into 'sbtest1'
Creating secondary indexes on 'sbtest1'...
Creating table 'sbtest2'...
Inserting 10000 records into 'sbtest2'
Creating secondary indexes on 'sbtest2'...
```



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execution time (avg/stddev): 1564.7510/1.16

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 --mysql-user=root --mysql-host=127.0.0.1 --mysql-port=13002 run
sysbench 0.5: multi-threaded system evaluation benchmark
Running the test with following options:
Number of threads: 8
Random number generator seed is 0 and will be ignored
Threads started!
Threads fairness:
    events (avg/stddev):
                                 1281.0000/12.29
```



- Comes with standard OLTP tests
- Standard tests help to
 - Imitate some activity
 - Generate binary log events
 - Test effect of options/upgrades



- Comes with standard OLTP tests
- Standard tests help to
- Standard OLTP tests include
 - Read only
 - INSERTs only
 - DELETEs only
 - Mixed
 - More



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- SysBench has standard hardware tests
- I use mostly OLTP for troubleshooting



Custom SysBench Tests

- True power for troubleshooting
- You can imitate any load
- Supports Lua scripting



- thread_init
 - Initialize thread



- thread_init
- set_vars
 - Set user variables



- thread_init
- set vars
- prepare
 - Prepare test



- thread_init
- set_vars
- prepare
- event
 - Run event



- thread_init
- set_vars
- prepare
- event
- cleanup
 - Cleanup test



- thread_init
- set vars
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- cleanup
- Version 1.0+
 - sysbench.cmdline.options
 - * sysbench.cmdline.commands



SysBench 0.5+: Variables

```
function set_vars()
    branches_size = branches_size or 1
    tellers_size = tellers_size or 10
    accounts_size = accounts_size or 100000
    scale = scale or 1
    mysql_table_engine = mysql_table_engine or "innodb"
end

function thread_init(thread_id)
    set_vars()
end
```



SysBench 1.0+: Variables

```
sysbench.cmdline.options = {
   branches_size = {"Size of branches table", 1},
   tellers_size = {"Size of tellers table", 10},
   accounts_size = {"Size of accounts table", 100000},
   scale = {"Test scale", 1},
   mysql_table_engine = {"MySQL storage engine", "innodb"}}
```



SysBench 0.5+: Test Preparation

```
function prepare()
    set vars()
    db connect()
    db_query([[
create table accounts(
aid int not null primary key,
bid int.
abalance int,
filler char(84)
/*! ENGINE = ]] .. mysql_table_engine ..
[[ default character set=latin1 */
11)
    db_bulk_insert_init("insert into branches (bid, bbalance, filler) values")
    for i=1,(branches_size * scale) do
        db_bulk_insert_next("(" .. i .. ", 0, '')")
    end
    db bulk insert done()
end
```

SysBench 0.5+: Test Run

```
function event(thread_id)
    local aid = sb_rand(1, accounts_size * scale)

db_query("SELECT abalance FROM accounts WHERE aid = " .. aid)
end
```



SysBench 0.5+: Hot Options

num-threads	Number of threads to use
max-requests	Maximum number of events
max-time	Total execution time
mysql-db	Schema to run tests in
mysql-host user port	Connection options



SysBench 1.0+: Hot Options

threads	Number of threads to use
events	Maximum number of events
time	Total execution time
db-ps-mode	Prepared statements mode
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- Scripts can declare options
 - Default values
 - SysBench can validate options
 - Options are visible in help output



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- Parallel execution



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- Processing result sets



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sysbench 1.0: teaching an old dog new tricks



Case Study: Slave Crash



The Issue

- Multi-channel slave
- One master runs load on a table
- Another master runs FLUSH SLOW LOGS
- Is this FLUSH reason for the crash?



Slave and two masters



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- Copy options from production



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- Copy options from production
- To imitate load on updating master

```
$ mysqlslap --defaults-file=./.my_updating_master.cnf --concurrency=50 \
    --number-of-queries=500000000 \
    --pre-query="CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS test.t(ts varchar(26), \
    id int unsigned not null primary key, f1 varchar(255), \
    f2 bigint unsigned, f3 varchar(255), f4 bigint unsigned);" \
    --query="REPLACE INTO t (ts, id, f1, f2, f3, f4) VALUES \
    (now(), 1000*rand(), md5(rand()), 1000000*rand(), 'fixed', 10000*rand())" \
    --create-schema=test
```



- Slave and two masters
- Copy options from production
- To imitate load on updating master
- Load on flushing master

```
$ while (true); do mysql -e "flush slow logs"; done
```



- Slave and two masters
- Copy options from production
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- Load on flushing master
- Standard Sysbench OLTP load on slave

```
$ sysbench --threads=16 --events=0 --time=0 \
    --mysql-host=127.0.0.1 --mysql-port=13002 --mysql-user=root \
    ./oltp_read_only.lua --tables=4 --table_size=10000 prepare
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- Slave and two masters
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- To imitate load on updating master
- Load on flushing master
- Standard Sysbench OLTP load on slave
- Slave did not crash
 - I will create better test



Options

```
sysbench.cmdline.options = {
   table_size = {"Number of rows per table", 1000},
   tables = {"Number of tables", 1}
}
```



Commands

```
sysbench.cmdline.commands = {
   prepare = {cmd_prepare, sysbench.cmdline.PARALLEL_COMMAND},
   run = {cmd_run, sysbench.cmdline.PARALLEL_COMMAND}
}
```

Must be after function definitions



Thread initialization for run command

```
function thread_init()
    drv = sysbench.sql.driver()
    con = drv:connect()
end
```



Values templates

```
local ts_value_template = "###-##-###:##:##:##.###"
local f1_value_template = "####-###.####"
local f3_value_template = "####-###.####"
```



Prepare command



create_table definition

```
function create_table(con, table_num)
    local query
     print(string.format("Creating table 'sbtest%d'...", table_num))
   query = string.format([[
CREATE TABLE sbtest%d(
ts varchar(26).
id int unsigned not null primary key,
f1 varchar(255).
f2 bigint unsigned,
f3 varchar(255),
f4 bigint unsigned
) engine=innodb]],
   table num)
```



con: query (query)

create_table definition

```
if (sysbench.opt.table_size > 0) then
   print(string.format("Inserting %d records into 'sbtest%d'",
                        sysbench.opt.table_size, table_num))
end
query = "INSERT INTO sbtest" .. table_num .. "(ts, id, f1, f2, f3, f4) VALUES"
con:bulk_insert_init(query)
for i = 1, sysbench.opt.table_size do
   query = string.format("('%s', %d, '%s', %d, '%s', %d)",
                           sysbench.rand.string(ts_value_template), i,
                           sysbench.rand.string(f1_value_template).
                           sb_rand(1, sysbench.opt.table_size),
                           sysbench.rand.string(f3_value_template),
                           sb_rand(1, sysbench.opt.table_size))
con:bulk_insert_next(query)
end
con:bulk insert done()
```



Load test itself

con:query(query)



end

Preparing...

```
--mysql-host=127.0.0.1 --mysql-port=13001 --mysql-user=root \
slave crash.lua --tables=4 --table size=10000 prepare
WARNING: Both event and time limits are disabled, running an endless test
sysbench 1.0.14-aa52c53 (using bundled LuaJIT 2.1.0-beta2)
Initializing worker threads...
Creating table 'sbtest2' ...
Creating table 'sbtest1' ...
Creating table 'sbtest4'...
Creating table 'sbtest3'...
Inserting 10000 records into 'sbtest1'
Inserting 10000 records into 'sbtest2'
Inserting 10000 records into 'sbtest4'
Inserting 10000 records into 'sbtest3'
```

\$ sysbench --threads=16 --events=0 --time=0 \



And executing

```
$ sysbench --threads=16 --events=0 --time=0 \
--mysql-host=127.0.0.1 --mysql-port=13001 --mysql-user=root \
slave_crash.lua --tables=4 --table_size=10000 run
WARNING: Both event and time limits are disabled, running an endless test
sysbench 1.0.14-aa52c53 (using bundled LuaJIT 2.1.0-beta2)
Running the test with following options:
Number of threads: 16
Initializing random number generator from current time
Initializing worker threads...
Threads started!
```



• Now wait ☺



Why Do I Do Load Tests?



Customer's Performance Issues

- An option makes our server X % slower
- Feature is slow
- Query is slow
- Benchmarks techniques



Effect of Options

- Before recommending for customers
- To identify improvements in new versions
- To find out if common guess is working



To Repeat

- Locking issues
- Crashes
- Other concurrency issues



Generate Data

- Built-in data generation functionality
- Scriptable data distribution

```
function set_vars()
    branches_size = branches_size or 1
    tellers_size = tellers_size or 10
    accounts_size = accounts_size or 100000
    scale = scale or 1
    mysql_table_engine = mysql_table_engine or "innodb"
end
```



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```
function prepare()
. . .
db_bulk_insert_init("insert into tellers (tid, bid, tbalance, filler) values")
for i=1,(tellers_size * scale) do
    db_bulk_insert_next("(" .. i .. ", " .. ((i % (branches_size * scale)) + 1) .. ". 0. '')")
end
db bulk insert done()
db_bulk_insert_init("insert into accounts (aid, bid, abalance, filler) values")
for i=1.(accounts size * scale) do
    db_bulk_insert_next("(" .. i .. ", " .. ((i % (branches_size * scale)) + 1) .. ", 0, '')")
end
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Machines Which I Use



Exclusive Lab Machine

- Ideal solution
- Requirement for true benchmarks
- Performance tests
- Test which require use of all machine resources



Percona Shared Lab Machine

- Tests which needs to be shared
- High resource usage tests
- Long running tests
- Can affect and be affected by tests of others



My Own Laptop

- Short tests
- Not requiring powerful hardware
- Test drafts before porting them to lab machines



Binaries Which I Use



Standard Binaries

- Same as customers use
- With thoroughly tested options
- Optimized for performance



Self-Compiled

- Quick tests
- Special options
- Debug builds for crashes



How Do I Scale



Lack of disk space

- Copy only relevant data
 - Only tables which participate in the problem
 - Part of data if table is huge
 - LIMIT
 - WHERE
 - mysqldump --where
 - Only columns which participate in the query
- Not always leads to issue repetition!



Lack of CPU cores

- Some options must be scaled
 - innodb_thread_concurrency
 - innodb_concurrency_tickets
 - If you changed innodb_thread_concurrency, check the user manual



- innodb_commit_concurrency
- innodb_purge_threads
- innodb_[read|write]_io_threads
- thread_concurrency
- thread_cache_size
 - Only if you scale number or connections in your test



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 - SCALE = NUMBER_OF_CPU_CORES_ON_PRODUCTION/ NUMBER_OF_CPU_CORES_ON_TEST
- Example
 - innodb_thread_concurrency_test = innodb_thread_concurrency / SCALE
 - Only if greater than number of CPU cores on the test server or unlimited

Scale coefficient example

Table: innodb_thread_concurrency scale

Production: 16 cores	Test: 4 cores	Adjust number of client threads?
0	0	It depends
4	4	Not
16	4	Yes
32	8	Yes
128	32	Yes



Disk-related options

- innodb_io_capacity
 - Depends on disk speed!
 - Can give very different results if disk speed is not taken in account
- innodb_io_capacity_max



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- Scale return time for performance tests
- Use less data to repeat production slowdowns
 - Care about data distribution!
 - Check EXPLAIN output
 - More waiting time can be better for testing:
 easier to notice difference

- innodb_buffer_pool_size
- •innodb_log_file_size
 - only if changed buffer pool size
- innodb_buffer_pool_chunk_size
 - only if very large on production
 - It is unlikely what you will have to tune InnoDB Buffer Pool resizing



- innodb_buffer_pool_size
- •innodb_log_file_size
- innodb_buffer_pool_chunk_size
- innodb_buffer_pool_instances
 - Only if current number of instances does not make sense on test server.
 - Example: 96G buffer pool on production with 12 instances and you test on laptop with 8G memory



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- •innodb_log_file_size
- innodb_buffer_pool_chunk_size
- innodb_buffer_pool_instances
- query_cache_size, key_buffer_size
 - only if larger than available memory



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- query_cache_size, key_buffer_size
- Do not adjust session options
- table_open_cache, table_definition_cache



Do not adjust

Session options: do not scale

- join_buffer_size
- [max_] binlog_[stmt_] cache_size
- *max_heap_table_size
- tmp_table_size
- net_buffer_length
- parser_max_mem_size
- read_[rnd_]buffer_size
- sort buffer size



Summary PERCONA



MySQL Command Line client

Always





MySQL Command Line client



Many queries in single thread





MySQL Command Line client



BASH



mysqlslap

Simple queries concurrently



MySQL Command Line client

BASH

mysqlslap

SysBench

Custom tests



Summary

- Benchmarking tools
 - More than just measuring performance
 - Help when more than single query involved
 - Imitate real life workload



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- Benchmarking tools
 - More than just measuring performance
 - Help when more than single query involved
 - Imitate real life workload
- Do much more than described in theirs user manuals if used creatively!



Call for Questions!

Future webinar with MySQL benchmarking experts

Send your questions



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