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Chapter 1. Introduction

What is MySQL Connector/J?

MySQL Connector/J is an implementation of Sun's JDBC 3.0 API for the MySQL relational database server. It strives to conform as much as possible to the JDBC API as specified by JavaSoft. It is known to work with many third-party products, including:

Application Servers

- Apache Tomcat [<http://jakarta.apache.org/>]
- JBoss [<http://www.jboss.org/>]
- Weblogic [<http://www.beasys.com/>]
- IBM WebSphere [<http://www-3.ibm.com/software/info1/websphere/>]

Object Relational Mapping Tools

- Hibernate [<http://hibernate.sourceforge.net/>]
- Apache ObjectRelationalBridge [<http://db.apache.org/objb/>]
- CocoBase [<http://www.thoughtinc.com/>]
- Kodo [<http://www.solarmetric.com/>]

Development Environments

- Eclipse [<http://www.eclipse.org/>]
- Borland JBuilder [<http://www.borland.com/jbuilder/>]
- IBM WebSphere Studio [<http://www-3.ibm.com/software/awdtools/studioappdev/>]

Release Notes

Known Issues

Implementation Notes (By java.sql and javax.sql Interface/Class)

MySQL Connector/J passes all of the tests in Sun's JDBC compliance testsuite except for tests requiring stored pro-

cedures (which MySQL does not have at this time). However, in many places the JDBC specification is vague about how certain functionality should be implemented, or the specification allows leeway in implementation.

This section gives details on a interface-by-interface level about how certain implementation decisions may affect how you use MySQL Connector/J.

- Blob

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

Starting with Connector/J version 3.1.0, you can emulate Blobs with locators by adding the property 'emulateLocators=true' to your JDBC URL. You must then use a column alias with the value of the column set to the actual name of the Blob column in the SELECT that you write to retrieve the Blob. The SELECT must also reference only one table, the table must have a primary key, and the SELECT must cover all columns that make up the primary key. The driver will then delay loading the actual Blob data until you retrieve the Blob and call retrieval methods (`getInputStream()`, `getBytes()`, etc) on it.

- CallableStatement

Starting with Connector/J 3.1.1, stored procedures are supported when connecting to MySQL version 5.0 or newer via 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, you should use the `PreparedStatement.setClob()` method to save changes back to the database. The JDBC API does not have a `ResultSet.updateClob()` method.

- Connection

Unlike older versions of MM.MySQL the 'isClosed()' method does not "ping" the server to determine if it is alive. 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, you should 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 (`getImported/ExportedKeys()` and `getCrossReference()`) is only available from 'InnoDB'-type tables. However, the driver uses 'SHOW CREATE TABLE' to retrieve this information, so when other table types support foreign keys, the driver will transparently support them as well.

- Driver

- 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 via `setBinaryStream()`, `setAsciiStream()`, `setUnicodeStream()`, `setBlob()`, or `setClob()`. If you want to re-execute the statement

with any "large" parameter changed to a non-"large" parameter, it is necessary to call `clearParameters()` and set all parameters again. The reason for this is as follows:

- The driver streams the 'large' data 'out-of-band' to the prepared statement on the server side when the parameter is set (before execution of the prepared statement).
- Once that has been done, the stream used to read the data on the client side is closed (as per the JDBC spec), and can't be read from again.
- If a parameter changes from "large" to non-"large", 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, via the `setBinaryStream()`, `setAsciiStream()`, `setUnicodeStream()`, `setBlob()` or `setClob()` methods.

Consequently, if you want to change the "type" of a parameter to a non-"large" one, you must call `clearParameters()` and set all parameters of the prepared statement again before it can be re-executed.

- **ResultSet**

By default, `ResultSet`s 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 `ResultSet`s that have a large number of rows or large values, and can not 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, you need to create a `Statement` instance in the following manner:

```
stmt = conn.createStatement( java.sql.ResultSet.TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY,
                             java.sql.ResultSet.CONCUR_READ_ONLY );
stmt.setFetchSize( Integer.MIN_VALUE );
```

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 will have to 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. Also, any tables referenced by the query that created the streaming result will be locked until all of the results have been read or the connection closed.

- **ResultSetMetaData**

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

- **Statement**

Un-implemented Functionality

The following methods in the JDBC API have not been implemented yet. They rely on functionality that at this time is not present in the MySQL server:

- `Blob.truncate()`
- `Connection.setSavePoint()` is not supported in versions earlier than 3.1.1
- `Connection.prepareCall(String)` is not supported in versions earlier than 3.1.1
- `Connection.releaseSavepoint(Savepoint)` is not supported in versions earlier than 3.1.1
- `Connection.rollback(Savepoint)` is not supported in versions earlier than 3.1.1
- `PreparedStatement.setArray(int, Array)`
- `PreparedStatement.setRef()`
- `PreparedStatement.getParameterMetaData()`
- `ResultSet.getArray(int)`
- `ResultSet.getArray(colName)`
- `ResultSet.getRef(int)`
- `ResultSet.getRef(String)`
- `ResultSet.rowDeleted()`
- `ResultSet.rowInserted()`
- `ResultSet.rowUpdated()`
- `ResultSet.updateArray(int, Array)`
- `ResultSet.updateArray(String, Array)`
- `ResultSet.updateRef(int, Ref)`
- `ResultSet.updateRef(String, Ref)`

Chapter 2. Installation

This chapter contains instructions for installing the MySQL Connector/J drivers on Microsoft Windows and UNIX platforms. If you are on another platform that supports Java and the JDBC API then substitute commands appropriate for your system.

System Requirements

Java Versions Supported

MySQL Connector/J supports Java-2 JVMs, including JDK-1.2.x, JDK-1.3.x and JDK-1.4.x, and requires JDK-1.4.x or newer to compile (but not run). MySQL Connector/J does not support JDK-1.1.x or JDK-1.0.x

Because of the implementation of `java.sql.Savepoint`, Connector/J 3.1.0 and newer will not run on JDKs older than 1.4 unless the class verifier is turned off (`-Xverify:none`), as the class verifier will try to load the class definition for `java.sql.Savepoint` even though it is not accessed by the driver unless you actually use savepoint functionality.

MySQL Server Versions Supported

MySQL Connector/J supports all known MySQL server versions. Some features (foreign keys, updatable result sets) require more recent versions of MySQL to operate.

Installing MySQL Connector/J

MySQL Connector/J is distributed as a .zip or .tar.gz archive containing the sources, the class files and a class-file only "binary" .jar archive named "mysql-connector-java-[version]-bin.jar". You will need to use the appropriate gui or command-line utility to un-archive the distribution (for example, WinZip for the .zip archive, and "tar" for the .tar.gz archive).

Setting the CLASSPATH (For Standalone Use)

Once you have un-archived the distribution archive, you can install the driver in one of two ways: Either copy the "com" and "org" subdirectories and all of their contents to anywhere you like, and put the directory holding the "com" and "org" subdirectories in your classpath, or put mysql-connector-java-[version]-bin.jar in your classpath, either by adding the FULL path to it to your CLASSPATH environment variable, or by copying the .jar file to `$JAVA_HOME/jre/lib/ext`. If you are going to use the driver with the JDBC DriverManager, you would use "com.mysql.jdbc.Driver" as the class that implements `java.sql.Driver`.

Example 2.1. Setting the CLASSPATH Under UNIX

The following command works for 'csh' under UNIX:

```
$ setenv CLASSPATH /path/to/mysql-connector-java-[version]-bin.jar:$CLASSPATH
```

The above command can be added to the appropriate startup file for the login shell to make MySQL Connector/J available to all Java applications.

Example 2.2. Setting the CLASSPATH Under Microsoft Windows 9X

The following is an example of setting the CLASSPATH under Microsoft Windows 95, 98, ME:

```
C:\> set CLASSPATH=\path\to\mysql-connector-java-[version]-bin.jar;%CLASSPATH%
```

This command can be added as the last line in AUTOEXEC.BAT. If this is done the MySQL Connector/J driver will be made available to all Java applications that run on the Windows 9x system. This setting will require the computer to be rebooted before the changes will take effect.

Driver Class Name and JDBC URL Format

The name of the class that implements `java.sql.Driver` in MySQL Connector/J is '`com.mysql.jdbc.Driver`'. The '`org.gjt.mm.mysql.Driver`' class name is also usable to remain backwards-compatible with MM.MySQL. You should use this class name when registering the driver, or when otherwise configuring software to use MySQL Connector/J.

The JDBC URL format for MySQL Connector/J is as follows, with items in square brackets ([,]) being optional:

```
jdbc:mysql://[host][,failoverhost...][:port]/[database][?propertyName1]=propertyValue1[&propertyName2]=propertyValue2[...]
```

If the hostname is not specified, it defaults to '127.0.0.1'. If the port is not specified, it defaults to '3306', the default port number for MySQL servers.

Starting with version 3.0.12 and 3.1.2, Connector/J supports multiple hosts with ports, separated by commas:

```
jdbc:mysql://[host:port],[host:port].../[database][?propertyName1]=propertyValue1[&propertyName2]=propertyValue2[...]
```

If the database is not specified, the connection will be made with no 'current' database. In this case, you will need to either call the '`setCatalog()`' method on the Connection instance, issue a 'USE dbname' query or fully-specify table names using the database name (i.e. '`SELECT dbname.tablename.colname FROM dbname.tablename...`') in your SQL. Not specifying the database to use upon connection is generally only useful when building tools that work with multiple databases, such as GUI database managers.

MySQL Connector/J has fail-over support. This allows the driver to fail-over to any number of "slave" hosts and still perform read-only queries. Fail-over only happens when the connection is in an `autoCommit(true)` state, because fail-over can not happen reliably when a transaction is in progress. Most good application servers and connection pools set `autoCommit` to 'true' at the end of every transaction/connection use. The fail-over functionality has the following behavior: If the URL property "`autoReconnect`" is false: Failover only happens at connection initialization, and fallback occurs when the driver determines that the first host has become available again. If the URL property "`autoReconnect`" is true: Failover happens when the driver determines that the connection has failed (before *every* query), and falls back to the first host when it determines that the host has become available again (after *queriesBeforeRetryMaster* queries have been issued). In either case, whenever you are connected to a "failed-over" server, the connection will be set to read-only state, so queries that would modify data will have exceptions thrown (the query will *never* be processed by the MySQL server).

You may specify additional properties to the JDBC driver, either by placing them in a `java.util.Properties` instance and passing that instance to the `DriverManager` when you connect, or by adding them to the end of your JDBC URL as name-value pairs. The first property needs to be preceded with a '?' character, and additional name-value pair properties are separated by an '&' character. The properties, their definitions and their default values are covered in the following table:

Table 2.1. Connection Properties

| Property Name | Definition | Required? | Default Value | Since Version |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| user | The user to connect as | No | | All |

| Property Name | Definition | Required? | Default Value | Since Version |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| password | The password to use when connecting | No | | All |
| gatherPerfMetrics | Should the driver gather performance metrics, and report them via the configured logger every 'reportMetricsInterval-Millis' milliseconds? | false | false | 3.1.2 |
| reportMetricsInterval-Millis | If 'gatherPerfMetrics' is enabled, how often should they be logged (in ms)? | false | 30000 | 3.1.2 |
| logSlowQueries | Should queries that take longer than 'slowQueryThreshold-Millis' be logged? | false | false | 3.1.2 |
| slowQueryThreshold-Millis | If 'logSlowQueries' is enabled, how long should a query (in ms) before it is logged as 'slow'? | false | 2000 | 3.1.2 |
| failOverReadOnly | When failing over in autoReconnect mode, should the connection be set to 'read-only'? | false | true | 3.0.12 |
| allowLoadLocalInfile | Should the driver allow use of 'LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE...' (defaults to 'true'). | false | true | 3.0.3 |
| allowMultiQueries | Allow the use of ';' to delimit multiple queries during one statement (true/false, defaults to 'false') | false | false | 3.1.1 |
| autoReconnect | Should the driver try to re-establish bad connections? | false | false | 1.1 |
| autoReconnectFor-Pools | Use a reconnection strategy appropriate for connection pools (defaults to 'false') | false | false | 3.0.8 |
| cacheCallableStmts | Should the driver cache the parsing stage of CallableStatements | false | false | 3.1.2 |
| cachePrepStmts | Should the driver cache the parsing stage of Prepared-Statements? | false | false | 3.0.10 |
| cacheResultSet- | Should the driver | false | false | 3.1.1 |

| Property Name | Definition | Required? | Default Value | Since Version |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| Metadata | cache ResultSet-MetaData for Statements and Prepared-Statements? (Req. JDK-1.4+, true/false, default 'false') | | | |
| capitalizeTypeNames | Capitalize type names in Database-MetaData? (usually only useful when using WebObjects, true/false, defaults to 'false') | false | false | 2.0.7 |
| 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. | false | false | 3.0.9 |
| continueBatchOnError | Should the driver continue processing batch commands if one statement fails. The JDBC spec allows either way (defaults to 'true'). | false | true | 3.0.3 |
| useServerPrepStmts | Use server-side prepared statements if the server supports them? (defaults to 'true'). | false | true | 3.1.0 |
| emulateLocators | N/A | false | false | 3.1.0 |
| 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? | false | false | 3.1.2 |
| ignoreNonTxTables | Ignore non-transactional table warning for rollback? (defaults to 'false'). | false | false | 3.0.9 |
| interactiveClient | Set the CLIENT_INTERACTIVE flag, which tells MySQL to timeout connections based on | false | false | 3.1.0 |

| Property Name | Definition | Required? | Default Value | Since Version |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| | INTERACTIVE_TIMEOUT instead of WAIT_TIMEOUT | | | |
| paranoid | Take measures to prevent exposure sensitive information in error messages and clear data structures holding sensitive data when possible? (defaults to 'false') | false | false | 3.0.1 |
| pedantic | Follow the JDBC spec to the letter. | false | false | 3.0.0 |
| profileSQL | Trace queries and their execution/fetch times to the configured logger (true/false) defaults to 'false' | false | false | 3.1.0 |
| reconnectAtTxEnd | If autoReconnect is set to true, should the driver attempt reconnections at the end of every transaction? | false | false | 3.0.10 |
| 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')? | false | false | 2.0.13 |
| requireSSL | Require SSL connection if useSSL=true? (defaults to 'false'). | false | false | 3.1.0 |
| roundRobinLoadBalance | When autoReconnect is enabled, and fail-overReadOnly is false, should we pick hosts to connect to on a round-robin basis? | false | false | 3.1.2 |
| strictFloatingPoint | Used only in older versions of compliance test | false | false | 3.0.0 |
| strictUpdates | Should the driver do strict checking (all primary keys selected) of updatable result sets (true, false, defaults to 'true')? | false | true | 3.0.4 |
| useCompression | Use zlib compression | false | false | 3.1.0 |

| Property Name | Definition | Required? | Default Value | Since Version |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| | when communicating with the server (true/false)? Defaults to 'false'. | | | |
| useHostsInPrivileges | Add '@hostname' to users in Database-MetaData.getColumn/TablePrivileges() (true/false), defaults to 'true'. | false | true | 3.0.2 |
| useNewIO | Should the driver use the java.nio.* interfaces for network communication (true/false), defaults to 'false' | false | false | 3.1.0 |
| useSSL | Use SSL when communicating with the server (true/false), defaults to 'false' | false | false | 3.0.2 |
| useStreamLengthsIn-PrepStmts | Honor stream length parameter in PreparedStatement/ResultSet.setXXXStream() method calls (true/false, defaults to 'true')? | false | true | 3.0.2 |
| useTimezone | Convert time/date types between client and server timezones (true/false, defaults to 'false')? | false | false | 3.0.2 |
| ultraDevHack | Create PreparedStatement for prepareCall() when required, because UltraDev is broken and issues a prepareCall() for _all_ statements? (true/false, defaults to 'false') | false | false | 2.0.3 |
| useUnbufferedInput | Don't use BufferedInputStream for reading data from the server | false | true | 3.0.11 |
| 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 | false | false | 1.1g |

| Property Name | Definition | Required? | Default Value | Since Version |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|---------------|---------------|
| | character set that MySQL either doesn't natively support (such as UTF-8), true/false, defaults to 'true' | | | |
| 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')? | false | false | 3.1.1 |
| callableStmtCacheSize | If 'cacheCallableStmts' is enabled, how many callable statements should be cached? | false | 100 | 3.1.2 |
| connectTimeout | Timeout for socket connect (in milliseconds), with 0 being no timeout. Only works on JDK-1.4 or newer. Defaults to '0'. | false | 0 | 3.0.1 |
| initialTimeout | If autoReconnect is enabled, the initial time to wait between re-connect attempts (in seconds, defaults to '2'). | false | 2 | 1.1 |
| maxReconnects | Maximum number of reconnects to attempt if autoReconnect is true, default is '3'. | false | 3 | 1.1 |
| maxRows | The maximum number of rows to return (0, the default means return all rows). | false | -1 | all versions |
| metadataCacheSize | The number of queries to cacheResultSetMetadata for if cacheResultSetMetadata is set to 'true' (default 50) | false | 50 | 3.1.1 |
| prepStmtCacheSize | If prepared statement caching is enabled, how many prepared statements should be cached? | false | 25 | 3.0.10 |
| prepStmtCacheSqlLimit | If prepared statement caching is enabled, what's the largest SQL the driver will | false | 256 | 3.0.10 |

| Property Name | Definition | Required? | Default Value | Since Version |
|---------------------------|---|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| | cache the parsing for? | | | |
| queriesBeforeRetry-Master | Number of queries to issue before falling back to master when failed over (when using multi-host fail-over). Whichever condition is met first, 'queriesBeforeRetry-Master' or 'secondsBeforeRetryMaster' will cause an attempt to be made to reconnect to the master. Defaults to 50. | false | 50 | 3.0.2 |
| secondsBeforeRetry-Master | How long should the driver wait, when failed over, before attempting to reconnect to the master server? Whichever condition is met first, 'queriesBeforeRetryMaster' or 'secondsBeforeRetryMaster' will cause an attempt to be made to reconnect to the master. Time in seconds, defaults to 30 | false | 30 | 3.0.2 |
| socketTimeout | Timeout on network socket operations (0, the default means no timeout). | false | 0 | 3.0.1 |
| characterEncoding | If 'useUnicode' is set to true, what character encoding should the driver use when dealing with strings? (defaults is to 'autodetect') | false | | 1.1g |
| 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) | false | com.mysql.jdbc.log.StandardLogger | 3.1.1 |
| profileSql | Deprecated, use 'profileSQL' instead. Trace queries and their execution/fetch | false | | 2.0.14 |

| Property Name | Definition | Required? | Default Value | Since Version |
|----------------|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| | times on STDERR (true/false) defaults to 'false' | | | |
| serverTimezone | Override detection/mapping of timezone. Used when timezone from server doesn't map to Java timezone | false | | 3.0.2 |
| 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. | false | com.mysql.jdbc.StandardSocketFactory | 3.0.3 |

Connector/J also supports access to MySQL via named pipes on Windows NT/2000/XP using the 'NamedPipeSocketFactory' as a plugin-socket factory via the 'socketFactory' property. If you don't use a 'namedPipePath' property, the default of '\\.\pipe\MySQL' will be used. If you use the NamedPipeSocketFactory, the hostname and port number values in the JDBC url will be ignored.

Adding the following property to your URL will enable the NamedPipeSocketFactory:

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

Named pipes only work when connecting to a MySQL server on the same physical machine as the one the JDBC driver is being used on. In simple performance tests, it appears that named pipe access is between 30%-50% faster than the standard TCP/IP access.

You can create your own socket factories by following the example code in `com.mysql.jdbc.NamedPipeSocketFactory`, or `com.mysql.jdbc.StandardSocketFactory`.

Installing MySQL Connector/J for Use With Servlets/JSP/EJB

If you want to use MySQL Connector/J with a servlet engine or application server such as Tomcat or JBoss, you will have to 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.

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

You can also use the `MysqlDataSource`, `MysqlConnectionPoolDataSource` or `MysqlXADataSource` classes in the `com.mysql.jdbc.jdbc2.optional` and `com.mysql.jdbc.jdbc2.optional.xa` packages, if your J2EE application server supports or requires them. The various `MysqlDataSource` classes support the following parameters (through standard "set" mutators):

- user
- password

- `serverName` (see the previous section about fail-over hosts)
- `databaseName`
- `port`

What's Next?

Once the driver has been installed into your CLASSPATH or application server, the driver is ready for use! Taking a look at the next chapter containing programming information might be a good idea, however.

Chapter 3. Developing Applications with MySQL Connector/J

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Basic Functionality

Registering MySQL Connector/J With the JDBC DriverManager

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

The DriverManager needs to be told which JDBC drivers it should try to make Connections with. The easiest way to do this is to use Class.forName() on the class that implements the java.sql.Driver interface. With MySQL Connector/J, the name of this class is com.mysql.jdbc.Driver. 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.

Example 3.1. Registering the Driver With the DriverManager

The following section of Java code shows how you might register MySQL Connector/J from the main() method of your application.

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

// Notice, do not import com.mysql.jdbc.*
// or you will have problems!

public class LoadDriver {
    public static void main(String[] args) {
        try {
            // The newInstance() call is a work around for some
            // broken Java implementations
            Class.forName("com.mysql.jdbc.Driver").newInstance();
        } catch (Exception ex) {
            // handle the error
        }
    }
}
```

Opening a Connection to MySQL

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 3.2. Obtaining a Connection From the DriverManager

This example shows how you can obtain a Connection instance from the DriverManager. There are a few different signatures for the getConnection() method. You should see the API documentation that comes with your JDK for

more specific information on how to use them.

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

... try {
    Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection("jdbc:mysql://localhost/test?user=monty&pa

    // Do something with the Connection

    ....
} catch (SQLException ex) {
    // handle any errors
    System.out.println("SQLException: " + ex.getMessage());
    System.out.println("SQLState: " + ex.getSQLState());
    System.out.println("VendorError: " + ex.getErrorCode());
}
```

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

Creating a Statement Instance

Statements allow you to execute basic SQL queries and retrieve the results through the `ResultSet` class which is described later. To get a Statement object, you call the `createStatement()` method on the Connection object you have retrieved via the `DriverManager.getConnection()` method. Once you have a Statement object, you can execute a SELECT query by calling the `executeQuery(String SQL)` method with the SQL you want to use. To update data in the database use the `executeUpdate(String SQL)` method. This method returns the number of rows affected by the update statement. If you don't 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 an UPDATE/INSERT/DELETE query. If the query was a SELECT query, you can retrieve the results by calling the `getResultSet()` method. If the query was an UPDATE/INSERT/DELETE query, you can retrieve the affected rows count by calling `getUpdateCount()` on the Statement instance.

Executing a SELECT Query

Example 3.3. Using `java.sql.Statement` to Execute a SELECT Query

```
// assume conn is an already created JDBC connection
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 ....
} 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;
}
}
```

Advanced Functionality

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 via `Statement.execute()`, `Statement.executeUpdate()`, `Statement.executeQuery()` as well as all `PreparedStatement` and `CallableStatement` parameters with the exclusion of parameters set using `setBytes()`, `setBinaryStream()`, `setAsciiStream()`, `setUnicodeStream()` and `setBlob()`.

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 `useUnicode` and `characterEncoding` properties.

Starting with MySQL Server 4.1, 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`.

The character encoding between client and server is automatically detected upon connection. The encoding used by the driver is specified on the server via the configuration variable '`character_set`' for server versions older than 4.1.0 and '`character_set_server`' for server versions 4.1.0 and newer. See the "Server Character Set and Collation [<http://www.mysql.com/doc/en/Charset-server.html>]" section in the MySQL server manual for more information.

To override the automatically-detected encoding on the client side, use the `characterEncoding` property in the URL used to connect to the server.

When specifying character encodings on the client side, Java-style names should be used. The following table lists Java-style names for MySQL character sets:

Table 3.1. MySQL to Java Encoding Name Translations

| MySQL Character Set Name | Java-Style Character Encoding Name |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| usa7 | US-ASCII |
| big5 | Big5 |
| gbk | GBK |

| MySQL Character Set Name | Java-Style Character Encoding Name |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| sjis | SJIS |
| gb2312 | EUC_CN |
| ujis | EUC_JP |
| euc_kr | EUC_KR |
| latin1 | ISO8859_1 |
| latin1_de | ISO8859_1 |
| german1 | ISO8859_1 |
| danish | ISO8859_1 |
| latin2 | ISO8859_2 |
| czech | ISO8859_2 |
| hungarian | ISO8859_2 |
| croat | ISO8859_2 |
| greek | ISO8859_7 |
| hebrew | ISO8859_8 |
| latin5 | ISO8859_9 |
| latvian | ISO8859_13 |
| latvian1 | ISO8859_13 |
| estonia | ISO8859_13 |
| dos | Cp437 |
| pclatin2 | Cp852 |
| cp866 | Cp866 |
| koi8_ru | KOI8_R |
| tis620 | TIS620 |
| win1250 | Cp1250 |
| win1250ch | Cp1250 |
| win1251 | Cp1251 |
| cp1251 | Cp1251 |
| win1251ukr | 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.

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

Stored Procedures

Starting with MySQL 5.0 and Connector/J 3.1.1, the `java.sql.CallableStatement` interface is fully implemented with the exception of the `getParameterMetaData()` method.

MySQL's stored procedure syntax is documented in the "Stored Procedures and Functions [http://www.mysql.com/doc/en/Stored_Procedures.html]" section of the MySQL Reference Manual.

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

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

Example 3.4. Stored Procedure Example

```
CREATE PROCEDURE demoSp(IN inputParam VARCHAR(255), INOUT inOutParam INT)
BEGIN
    DECLARE z INT;
    SET z = inOutParam + 1;
    SET inOutParam = z;

    SELECT inputParam;

    SELECT CONCAT('zyxw', inputParam);
END
```

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 3.5. 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 per-

forms to support output parameters. For performance reasons, you should try to minimize unnecessary calls to `Connection.prepareStatement()` 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 3.6. 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
//

cStmt.registerOutputParameter(2);

//
// Registers the second parameter as output, and
// uses the type 'INTEGER' for values returned from
// getObject()
//

cStmt.registerOutputParameter(2, Types.INTEGER);

//
// Registers the named parameter 'inOutParam'
//

cStmt.registerOutputParameter("inOutParam");

//
// Registers the named parameter 'inOutParam', and
// uses the type 'INTEGER' for values returned from
// getObject()
//

cStmt.registerOutputParameter("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 3.7. 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.

While 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 3.8. 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(1); // index-based

outputValue = cStmt.getInt("inOutParam"); // name-based

...
```

Connecting over SSL

SSL in MySQL Connector/J encrypts all data (other than the initial handshake) between the JDBC driver and the server. The performance penalty for enabling SSL is an increase in query processing time between 35% and 50%, depending on the size of the query, and the amount of data it returns.

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://developer.java.sun.com/developer/bugParade/bugs/4273544.html>
- A MySQL server that supports SSL and has been compiled and configured to do so, which is MySQL-4.0.4 or later, see: http://www.mysql.com/doc/en/Secure_connections.html
- A client certificate (covered later in this section)

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.

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. It's located in the 'bin' subdirectory of your JDK or JRE):

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

Keytool will respond with the following information:

```
Enter keystore password: *****
Owner: EMAILADDRESS=walrus@example.com, CN=Walrus, O=MySQL AB, L=Orenburg, ST=Some
-State, C=RU
Issuer: EMAILADDRESS=walrus@example.com, CN=Walrus, O=MySQL AB, L=Orenburg, ST=Som
e-State, C=RU
Serial number: 0
Valid from: Fri Aug 02 16:55:53 CDT 2002 until: Sat Aug 02 16:55:53 CDT 2003
Certificate fingerprints:
    MD5: 61:91:A0:F2:03:07:61:7A:81:38:66:DA:19:C4:8D:AB
    SHA1: 25:77:41:05:D5:AD:99:8C:14:8C:CA:68:9C:2F:B8:89:C3:34:4D:6C
Trust this certificate? [no]: yes
Certificate was added to keystore
```

You will then need to generate a client certificate, so that the MySQL server knows that it is talking to a secure cli-

ent:

```
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.

You should 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?
[no]:  y

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 'path_to_keystore_file' with the full path to the keystore file you created, 'path_to_truststore_file' with the path to the truststore file you created, and using the appropriate password values for each property.

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

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,
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    6...7g.@.....
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,
Session ID: {163, 227, 84, 53, 81, 127, 252, 254, 178, 179, 68, 63, 182, 158, 30, 11, 150, 79, 170
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.g.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.

Chapter 4. How to Report Bugs or Problems

The normal place to report bugs is <http://bugs.mysql.com/>, 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 have found a sensitive security bug in MySQL, you can send email to security@mysql.com [mailto:security@mysql.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 don't 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 <http://bugs.mysql.com/> [???]. 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 don't 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, you should 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, you should use one of the variants of the `getConnection()` 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 (i.e. there's 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 than `'jdbc:mysql:///test'`, then 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/>.

Chapter 5. Troubleshooting

There are a few issues that seem to be commonly encountered often by users of MySQL Connector/J. This section deals with their symptoms, and their resolutions. If you have further issues, see the "SUPPORT" section.

5.1.

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's 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 or not the connection should be allowed.

You must add grants to allow this to happen. The following is an example of how to do this (but not the most secure).

From the mysql command-line client, logged in as a user that can grant privileges, issue the following command:

```
GRANT ALL PRIVILEGES ON [dbname].* to
    '[user]@[hostname]' identified by
    '[password]'
```

replacing [dbname] with the name of your database, [user] with the user name, [hostname] with the host that MySQL Connector/J will be connecting from, and [password] with the password you want to use. Be aware that RedHat Linux is broken with respect to the hostname portion for the case when you are connecting from localhost. You need to use "localhost.localdomain" for the [hostname] value in this case. Follow this by issuing the "FLUSH PRIVILEGES" command.

Note

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

Warning

If you don't understand what the 'GRANT' command does, or how it works, you should read and understand the 'General Security Issues and the MySQL Access Privilege System' [http://www.mysql.com/doc/en/Privilege_system.html] section of the MySQL manual before attempting to change privileges.

Changing privileges and permissions improperly in MySQL can potentially cause security problems with your MySQL server.

5.2.

My application throws a SQLException 'No Suitable Driver'. Why is this happening?

One of two things are happening. Either the driver is not in your CLASSPATH (see the "INSTALLATION" section above), or your URL format is incorrect (see "Developing Applications with MySQL Connector/J").

5.3.

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 MySQL AB 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).

5.4.

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 "Developing Applications with MySQL Connector/J").

Also, you should be catching SQLExceptions in your application and dealing 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 APIDocs) to "08S01" when it encounters network-connectivity issues during the processing of a query. Your application code should then attempt to re-connect to MySQL at this point.

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

Example 5.1. 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,
        // 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.
        //
        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 41000 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) || "41000".equals(sqlState)) {
```

```

        retryCount--;
    } 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

            try {
                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));
}

```

5.5.

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 all of the primary key(s) and the query can only span one table (i.e. no joins). This is outlined in the JDBC specification.

Appendix A. Reference

Type Conversions Supported by MySQL Connector/J

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 `java.lang.String`, and any numerical type can be converted to any of the Java numerical types, although round-off, overflow, or loss of precision may occur.

The conversions that are always guaranteed to work are listed in the following table:

Table A.1. Conversion Table

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

Appendix B. ChangeLog

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# Changelog
# $Id: CHANGES,v 1.38.4.62 2004/02/11 02:15:16 mmatthew Exp $

xx-xx-04 - Version 3.1.2-alpha (not yet released)

- Fixed stored procedure parameter parsing info when size was
  specified for a parameter (i.e. char(), varchar()).

- Enabled callable statement caching via 'cacheCallableStmts'
  property.

- Fixed case when no output parameters specified for a
  stored procedure caused a bogus query to be issued
  to retrieve out parameters, leading to a syntax error
  from the server.

- Fixed case when no parameters could cause a NullPointerException
  in CallableStatement.setOutputParameters().

- Removed wrapping of exceptions in MySQLIO.changeUser().

- Fixed sending of split packets for large queries, enabled nio
  ability to send large packets as well.

- Added .toString() functionality to ServerPreparedStatement,
  which should help if you're trying to debug a query that is
  a prepared statement (it shows SQL as the server would process).

- Added 'gatherPerformanceMetrics' property, along with properties
  to control when/where this info gets logged (see docs for more
  info).

- ServerPreparedStatements weren't actually de-allocating
  server-side resources when .close() was called.

02-14-04 - Version 3.1.1-alpha

- Fixed bug with UpdatableResultSets not using client-side
  prepared statements.

- Fixed character encoding issues when converting bytes to
  ASCII when MySQL doesn't provide the character set, and
  the JVM is set to a multibyte encoding (usually affecting
  retrieval of numeric values).

- Unpack 'unknown' data types from server prepared statements
  as Strings.

- Implemented long data (Blobs, Clobs, InputStreams, Readers)
  for server prepared statements.

- Implemented Statement.getWarnings() for MySQL-4.1 and newer
  (using 'SHOW WARNINGS').

- Default result set type changed to TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY
  (JDBC compliance).

- Centralized setting of result set type and concurrency.

- Re-factored how connection properties are set and exposed
  as DriverPropertyInfo as well as Connection and DataSource
  properties.

- Support for NIO. Use 'useNIO=true' on platforms that support
  NIO.

- Support for SAVEPOINTS (MySQL >= 4.0.14 or 4.1.1).
```

- Support for `mysql_change_user()`...See the `changeUser()` method in `com.mysql.jdbc.Connection`.
- Reduced number of methods called in average query to be more efficient.
- Prepared Statements will be re-prepared on auto-reconnect. Any errors encountered are postponed until first attempt to re-execute the re-prepared statement.
- Ensure that warnings are cleared before executing queries on prepared statements, as-per JDBC spec (now that we support warnings).
- Support 'old' `profileSql` capitalization in `ConnectionProperties`. This property is deprecated, you should use `'profileSQL'` if possible.
- Optimized `Buffer.readLenByteArray()` to return shared empty byte array when length is 0.
- Allow contents of `PreparedStatement.setBlob()` to be retained between calls to `.execute*()`.
- Deal with 0-length tokens in `EscapeProcessor` (caused by callable statement escape syntax).
- Check for closed connection on delete/update/insert row operations in `UpdatableResultSet`.
- Fix support for table aliases when checking for all primary keys in `UpdatableResultSet`.
- Removed `useFastDates` connection property.
- Correctly initialize datasource properties from JNDI Refs, including explicitly specified URLs.
- `DatabaseMetaData` now reports `supportsStoredProcedures()` for MySQL versions `>= 5.0.0`
- Fixed stack overflow in `Connection.prepareCall()` (bad merge).
- Fixed `IllegalAccessError` to `Calendar.getTimeInMillis()` in `DateTimeValue` (for JDK `< 1.4`).
- Fix for BUG#1673, where `DatabaseMetaData.getColumns()` is not returning correct column ordinal info for non '%' column name patterns.
- Merged fix of datatype mapping from MySQL type 'FLOAT' to `java.sql.Types.REAL` from 3.0 branch.
- Detect collation of column for `RSMD.isCaseSensitive()`.
- Fixed sending of queries `> 16M`.
- Added named and indexed input/output parameter support to `CallableStatement`. MySQL-5.0.x or newer.
- Fixed `NullPointerException` in `ServerPreparedStatement.setTimestamp()`, as well as year and month discrepancies in `ServerPreparedStatement.setTimestamp()`, `setDate()`.
- Added ability to have multiple database/JVM targets for compliance and regression/unit tests in `build.xml`.
- Fixed NPE and year/month bad conversions when accessing some datetime functionality in `ServerPreparedStatement`s and their resultant result sets.
- Display where/why a connection was implicitly closed (to

aid debugging).

- CommunicationsException implemented, that tries to determine why communications was lost with a server, and displays possible reasons when .getMessage() is called.
- Fixed BUG#2359, NULL values for numeric types in binary encoded result sets causing NullPointerExceptions.
- Implemented Connection.prepareCall(), and DatabaseMetaData.getProcedures() and getProcedureColumns().
- Reset 'long binary' parameters in ServerPreparedStatement when clearParameters() is called, by sending COM_RESET_STMT to the server.
- Merged prepared statement caching, and .getMetaData() support from 3.0 branch.
- Fixed off-by-1900 error in some cases for years in TimeUtil.fastDate/TimeCreate() when unpacking results from server-side prepared statements.
- Fixed BUG#2502 -- charset conversion issue in getTables().
- Implemented multiple result sets returned from a statement or stored procedure.
- Fixed BUG#2606 -- Server side prepared statements not returning datatype 'YEAR' correctly.
- Enabled streaming of result sets from server-side prepared statements.
- Fixed BUG#2623 -- Class-cast exception when using scrolling result sets and server-side prepared statements.
- Merged unbuffered input code from 3.0.
- Fixed ConnectionProperties that weren't properly exposed via accessors, cleaned up ConnectionProperties code.
- Fixed BUG#2671, NULL fields not being encoded correctly in all cases in server side prepared statements.
- Fixed rare buffer underflow when writing numbers into buffers for sending prepared statement execution requests.

02-18-03 - Version 3.1.0-alpha

- Added 'requiresSSL' property.
- Added 'useServerPrepStmts' property (default 'false'). The driver will use server-side prepared statements when the server version supports them (4.1 and newer) when this property is set to 'true'. It is currently set to 'false' by default until all bind/fetch functionality has been implemented. Currently only DML prepared statements are implemented for 4.1 server-side prepared statements.
- Track open Statements, close all when Connection.close() is called (JDBC compliance).

05-27-04 - Version 3.0.14-production

- Fixed BUG#3923 - URL parsing error

05-27-04 - Version 3.0.13-production

- Fixed BUG#3848 - Using a MySQLDataSource without server name fails
- Fixed BUG#3920 - "No Database Selected" when using MysqlConnectionPoolDataSource.

- Fixed BUG#3873 - PreparedStatement.getGeneratedKeys() method returns only 1 result for batched insertions

05-18-04 - Version 3.0.12-production

- Add unsigned attribute to DatabaseMetaData.getColumns() output in the TYPE_NAME column.
- Added 'failOverReadOnly' property, to allow end-user to configure state of connection (read-only/writable) when failed over.
- Backported 'change user' and 'reset server state' functionality from 3.1 branch, to allow clients of MySqlConnectionPoolDataSource to reset server state on getConnection() on a pooled connection.
- Don't escape SJIS/GBK/BIG5 when using MySQL-4.1 or newer.
- Allow 'url' parameter for MysqlDataSource and MySqlConnectionPoolDataSource so that passing of other properties is possible from inside appservers.
- Map duplicate key and foreign key errors to SQLState of '23000'.
- Backport documentation tooling from 3.1 branch.
- Return creating statement for ResultSets created by getGeneratedKeys() (BUG#2957)
- Allow java.util.Date to be sent in as parameter to PreparedStatement.setObject(), converting it to a Timestamp to maintain full precision (BUG#3103).
- Don't truncate BLOBs/CLOBs when using setBytes() and/or setBinary/CharacterStream() (BUG#2670).
- Dynamically configure character set mappings for field-level character sets on MySQL-4.1.0 and newer using 'SHOW COLLATION' when connecting.
- Map 'binary' character set to 'US-ASCII' to support DATETIME charset recognition for servers >= 4.1.2
- Use 'SET character_set_results' during initialization to allow any charset to be returned to the driver for result sets.
- Use charsetnr returned during connect to encode queries before issuing 'SET NAMES' on MySQL >= 4.1.0.
- Add helper methods to ResultSetMetaData (getColumnCharacterEncoding() and getColumnCharacterSet()) to allow end-users to see what charset the driver thinks it should be using for the column.
- Only set character_set_results for MySQL >= 4.1.0.
- Fixed BUG#3511, StringUtils.escapeSJISByteStream() not covering all eastern double-byte charsets correctly.
- Renamed StringUtils.escapeSJISByteStream() to more appropriate escapeEasternUnicodeByteStream().
- Fixed BUG#3554 - Not specifying database in URL caused MalformedURLException exception.
- Auto-convert MySQL encoding names to Java encoding names if used for characterEncoding property.
- Added encoding names that are recognized on some JVMs to fix case where they were reverse-mapped to MySQL encoding names incorrectly.
- Use junit.textui.TestRunner for all unit tests (to allow them to be

run from the command line outside of Ant or Eclipse).

- Fixed BUG#3557 - UpdatableResultSet not picking up default values for moveToInsertRow().
- Fixed BUG#3570 - inconsistent reporting of column type. The server still doesn't return all types for *BLOBs *TEXT correctly, so the driver won't return those correctly.
- Fixed BUG#3520 -- DBMD.getSQLStateType() returns incorrect value.
- Fixed regression in PreparedStatement.setString() and eastern character encodings.
- Made StringRegressionTest 4.1-unicode aware.

02-19-04 - Version 3.0.11-stable

- Trigger a 'SET NAMES utf8' when encoding is forced to 'utf8' _or_ 'utf-8' via the 'characterEncoding' property. Previously, only the Java-style encoding name of 'utf-8' would trigger this.
- AutoReconnect time was growing faster than exponentially (BUG#2447).
- Fixed failover always going to last host in list (BUG#2578)
- Added 'useUnbufferedInput' parameter, and now use it by default (due to JVM issue <http://developer.java.sun.com/developer/bugParade/bugs/4401235.html>)
- Detect 'on/off' or '1','2','3' form of lower_case_table_names on server.
- Return 'java.lang.Integer' for TINYINT and SMALLINT types from ResultSetMetaData.getColumnClassName() (fix for BUG#2852).
- Return 'java.lang.Double' for FLOAT type from ResultSetMetaData.getColumnClassName() (fix for BUG#2855).
- Return '[B' instead of java.lang.Object for BINARY, VARBINARY and LONGVARBINARY types from ResultSetMetaData.getColumnClassName() (JDBC compliance).
- Issue connection events on all instances created from a ConnectionPoolDataSource.

01-13-04 - Version 3.0.10-stable

- Don't count quoted id's when inside a 'string' in PreparedStatement parsing (fix for BUG#1511).
- 'Friendlier' exception message for PacketTooLargeException (BUG#1534).
- Backported fix for aliased tables and UpdatableResultSets in checkUpdatability() method from 3.1 branch.
- Fix for ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException exception when using Statement.setMaxRows() (BUG#1695).
- Fixed BUG#1576, dealing with large blobs and split packets not being read correctly.
- Fixed regression of Statement.getGeneratedKeys() and REPLACE statements.
- Fixed BUG#1630, subsequent call to ResultSet.updateFoo() causes NPE if result set is not updatable.
- Fix for 4.1.1-style auth with no password.
- Fix for BUG#1731, Foreign Keys column sequence is not consistent in

- DatabaseMetaData.getImported/Exported/CrossReference().
- Fix for BUG#1775 - DatabaseMetaData.getSystemFunction() returning bad function 'VResultsSion'.
- Fix for BUG#1592 -- cross-database updatable result sets are not checked for updatability correctly.
- DatabaseMetaData.getColumns() should return Types.LONGVARCHAR for MySQL LONGTEXT type.
- ResultSet.getObject() on TINYINT and SMALLINT columns should return Java type 'Integer' (BUG#1913)
- Added 'alwaysClearStream' connection property, which causes the driver to always empty any remaining data on the input stream before each query.
- Added more descriptive error message 'Server Configuration Denies Access to DataSource', as well as retrieval of message from server.
- Autoreconnect code didn't set catalog upon reconnect if it had been changed.
- Implement ResultSet.updateClob().
- ResultSetMetaData.isCaseSensitive() returned wrong value for CHAR/VARCHAR columns.
- Fix for BUG#1933 -- Connection property "maxRows" not honored.
- Fix for BUG#1925 -- Statements being created too many times in DBMD.extractForeignKeyFromCreateTable().
- Fix for BUG#1914 -- Support escape sequence {fn convert ... }
- Fix for BUG#1958 -- ArrayIndexOutOfBounds when parameter number == number of parameters + 1.
- Fix for BUG#2006 -- ResultSet.findColumn() should use first matching column name when there are duplicate column names in SELECT query (JDBC-compliance).
- Removed static synchronization bottleneck from PreparedStatement.setTimestamp().
- Removed static synchronization bottleneck from instance factory method of SingleByteCharsetConverter.
- Enable caching of the parsing stage of prepared statements via the 'cachePrepStmts', 'prepStmtCacheSize' and 'prepStmtCacheSqlLimit' properties (disabled by default).
- Speed up parsing of PreparedStatements, try to use one-pass whenever possible.
- Fixed security exception when used in Applets (applets can't read the system property 'file.encoding' which is needed for LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE).
- Use constants for SQLStates.
- Map charset 'kol8_ru' to 'kol8r' when connected to MySQL-4.1.0 or newer.
- Ensure that Buffer.writeString() saves room for the \0.
- Fixed exception 'Unknown character set 'danish' on connect w/ JDK-1.4.0
- Fixed mappings in SQLError to report deadlocks with SQLStates of '41000'.

- 'maxRows' property would affect internal statements, so check it for all statement creation internal to the driver, and set to 0 when it is not.

10-07-03 - Version 3.0.9-stable

- Faster date handling code in ResultSet and PreparedStatement (no longer uses Date methods that synchronize on static calendars).
- Fixed test for end of buffer in Buffer.readString().
- Fixed ResultSet.previous() behavior to move current position to before result set when on first row of result set (bugs.mysql.com BUG#496)
- Fixed Statement and PreparedStatement issuing bogus queries when setMaxRows() had been used and a LIMIT clause was present in the query.
- Fixed BUG#661 - refreshRow didn't work when primary key values contained values that needed to be escaped (they ended up being doubly-escaped).
- Support InnoDB constraint names when extracting foreign key info in DatabaseMetaData BUG#517 and BUG#664 (impl. ideas from Parwinder Sekhon)
- Backported 4.1 protocol changes from 3.1 branch (server-side SQL states, new field info, larger client capability flags, connect-with-database, etc).
- Fix UpdatableResultSet to return values for getXXX() when on insert row (BUG#675).
- The insertRow in an UpdatableResultSet is now loaded with the default column values when moveToInsertRow() is called (BUG#688)
- DatabaseMetaData.getColumns() wasn't returning NULL for default values that are specified as NULL.
- Change default statement type/concurrency to TYPE_FORWARD_ONLY and CONCUR_READ_ONLY (spec compliance).
- Don't try and reset isolation level on reconnect if MySQL doesn't support them.
- Don't wrap SQLExceptions in RowDataDynamic.
- Don't change timestamp TZ twice if useTimezone==true (BUG#774)
- Fixed regression in large split-packet handling (BUG#848).
- Better diagnostic error messages in exceptions for 'streaming' result sets.
- Issue exception on ResultSet.getXXX() on empty result set (wasn't caught in some cases).
- Don't hide messages from exceptions thrown in I/O layers.
- Don't fire connection closed events when closing pooled connections, or on PooledConnection.getConnection() with already open connections (BUG#884).
- Clip +/- INF (to smallest and largest representative values for the type in MySQL) and NaN (to 0) for setDouble/setFloat(), and issue a warning on the statement when the server does not support +/- INF or NaN.
- Fix for BUG#879, double-escaping of '\\' when charset is SJIS or GBK and '\\' appears in non-escaped input.
- When emptying input stream of unused rows for 'streaming' result sets,

have the current thread yield() every 100 rows in order to not monopolize CPU time.

- Fixed BUG#1099, DatabaseMetaData.getColumns() getting confused about the keyword 'set' in character columns.
- Fixed deadlock issue with Statement.setMaxRows().
- Fixed CLOB.truncate(), BUG#1130
- Optimized CLOB.setChracterStream(), BUG#1131
- Made databaseName, portNumber and serverName optional parameters for MysqlDataSourceFactory (BUG#1246)
- Fix for BUG#1247 -- ResultSet.get/setString mashing char 127
- Backported auth. changes for 4.1.1 and newer from 3.1 branch.
- Added com.mysql.jdbc.util.BaseBugReport to help creation of testcases for bug reports.
- Added property to 'clobber' streaming results, by setting the 'clobberStreamingResults' property to 'true' (the default is 'false'). 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.

05-23-03 - Version 3.0.8-stable

- Allow bogus URLs in Driver.getPropertyInfo().
- Return list of generated keys when using multi-value INSERTS with Statement.getGeneratedKeys().
- Use JVM charset with filenames and 'LOAD DATA [LOCAL] INFILE'
- Fix infinite loop with Connection.cleanup().
- Changed Ant target 'compile-core' to 'compile-driver', and made testsuite compilation a separate target.
- Fixed result set not getting set for Statement.executeUpdate(), which affected getGeneratedKeys() and getUpdateCount() in some cases.
- Unicode character 0xFFFF in a string would cause the driver to throw an ArrayOutOfBoundsException (Bug #378)
- Return correct amount of generated keys when using 'REPLACE' statements.
- Fix problem detecting server character set in some cases.
- Fix row data decoding error when using _very_ large packets.
- Optimized row data decoding.
- Issue exception when operating on an already-closed prepared statement.
- Fixed SJIS encoding bug, thanks to Naoto Sato.
- Optimized usage of EscapeProcessor.
- Allow multiple calls to Statement.close()

04-08-03 - Version 3.0.7-stable

- Fixed MysqlPooledConnection.close() calling wrong event type.

- Fixed `StringIndexOutOfBoundsException` in `PreparedStatement.setClob()`.
- 4.1 Column Metadata fixes
- Remove synchronization from `Driver.connect()` and `Driver.acceptsUrl()`.
- `IOExceptions` during a transaction now cause the `Connection` to be closed.
- Fixed missing conversion for 'YEAR' type in `ResultSetMetaData.getColumnTypeName()`.
- Don't pick up indexes that start with 'pri' as primary keys for `DBMD.getPrimaryKeys()`.
- Throw `SQLExceptions` when trying to do operations on a forcefully closed `Connection` (i.e. when a communication link failure occurs).
- You can now toggle profiling on/off using `Connection.setProfileSql(boolean)`.
- Fixed charset issues with database metadata (charset was not getting set correctly).
- `Updatable ResultSets` can now be created for aliased tables/columns when connected to MySQL-4.1 or newer.
- Fixed 'LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE' bug when file > max_allowed_packet.
- Fixed escaping of 0x5c ('\') character for GBK and Big5 charsets.
- Fixed `ResultSet.getTimestamp()` when underlying field is of type DATE.
- Ensure that packet size from `alignPacketSize()` does not exceed `MAX_ALLOWED_PACKET` (JVM bug)
- Don't reset `Connection.isReadOnly()` when `autoReconnecting`.

02-18-03 - Version 3.0.6-stable

- Fixed `ResultSetMetaData` to return "" when catalog not known. Fixes `NullPointerExceptions` with Sun's `CachedRowSet`.
- Fixed `DBMD.getTypeInfo()` and `DBMD.getColumns()` returning different value for precision in TEXT/BLOB types.
- Allow ignoring of warning for 'non transactional tables' during rollback (compliance/usability) by setting 'ignoreNonTxTables' property to 'true'.
- Fixed `SQLExceptions` getting swallowed on initial connect.
- Fixed `Statement.setMaxRows()` to stop sending 'LIMIT' type queries when not needed (performance)
- Clean up `Statement` query/method mismatch tests (i.e. INSERT not allowed with `.executeQuery()`).
- More checks added in `ResultSet` traversal method to catch when in closed state.
- Fixed `ResultSetMetaData.isWritable()` to return correct value.
- Add 'window' of different NULL sorting behavior to `DBMD.nullsAreSortedAtStart` (4.0.2 to 4.0.10, true, otherwise, no).
- Implemented `Blob.setBytes()`. You still need to pass the

resultant Blob back into an updatable ResultSet or PreparedStatement to persist the changes, as MySQL does not support 'locators'.

- Backported 4.1 charset field info changes from Connector/J 3.1

01-22-03 - Version 3.0.5-gamma

- Fixed Buffer.fastSkipLenString() causing ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException exceptions with some queries when unpacking fields.
- Implemented an empty TypeMap for Connection.getTypeMap() so that some third-party apps work with MySQL (IBM WebSphere 5.0 Connection pool).
- Added missing LONGTEXT type to DBMD.getColumns().
- Retrieve TX_ISOLATION from database for Connection.getTransactionIsolation() when the MySQL version supports it, instead of an instance variable.
- Quote table names in DatabaseMetaData.getColumns(), getPrimaryKeys(), getIndexInfo(), getBestRowIdentifier()
- Greatly reduce memory required for setBinaryStream() in PreparedStatements.
- Fixed ResultSet.isBeforeFirst() for empty result sets.
- Added update options for foreign key metadata.

01-06-03 - Version 3.0.4-gamma

- Added quoted identifiers to database names for Connection.setCatalog.
- Added support for quoted identifiers in PreparedStatement parser.
- Streamlined character conversion and byte[] handling in PreparedStatements for setByte().
- Reduce memory footprint of PreparedStatements by sharing outbound packet with MysqlIO.
- Added 'strictUpdates' property to allow control of amount of checking for 'correctness' of updatable result sets. Set this to 'false' if you want faster updatable result sets and you know that you create them from SELECTs on tables with primary keys and that you have selected all primary keys in your query.
- Added support for 4.0.8-style large packets.
- Fixed PreparedStatement.executeBatch() parameter overwriting.

12-17-02 - Version 3.0.3-dev

- Changed charsToByte in SingleByteCharConverter to be non-static
- Changed SingleByteCharConverter to use lazy initialization of each converter.
- Fixed charset handling in Fields.java
- Implemented Connection.nativeSQL()
- More robust escape tokenizer -- recognize '--' comments, and allow nested escape sequences (see testsuite.EscapeProcessingTest)
- DBMD.getImported/ExportedKeys() now handles multiple foreign keys

per table.

- Fixed `ResultSetMetaData.getPrecision()` returning incorrect values for some floating point types.
- Fixed `ResultSetMetaData.getColumnTypeName()` returning BLOB for TEXT and TEXT for BLOB types.
- Fixed `Buffer.isLastDataPacket()` for 4.1 and newer servers.
- Added `CLIENT_LONG_FLAG` to be able to get more column flags (`isAutoIncrement()` being the most important)
- Because of above, implemented `ResultSetMetaData.isAutoIncrement()` to use `Field.isAutoIncrement()`.
- Honor 'lower_case_table_names' when enabled in the server when doing table name comparisons in `DatabaseMetaData` methods.
- Some MySQL-4.1 protocol support (extended field info from selects)
- Use non-aliased table/column names and database names to fully qualify tables and columns in `UpdatableResultSet` (requires MySQL-4.1 or newer)
- Allow user to alter behavior of `Statement/PreparedStatement.executeBatch()` via 'continueBatchOnError' property (defaults to 'true').
- Check for connection closed in more `Connection` methods (`createStatement`, `prepareStatement`, `setTransactionIsolation`, `setAutoCommit`).
- More robust implementation of updatable result sets. Checks that `_all_` primary keys of the table have been selected.
- 'LOAD DATA LOCAL INFILE ...' now works, if your server is configured to allow it. Can be turned off with the 'allowLoadLocalInfile' property (see the README).
- Substitute '?' for unknown character conversions in single-byte character sets instead of '\0'.
- `NamedPipeSocketFactory` now works (only intended for Windows), see README for instructions.

11-08-02 - Version 3.0.2-dev

- Fixed issue with updatable result sets and `PreparedStatements` not working
- Fixed `ResultSet.setFetchDirection(FETCH_UNKNOWN)`
- Fixed issue when calling `Statement.setFetchSize()` when using arbitrary values
- Fixed incorrect conversion in `ResultSet.getLong()`
- Implemented `ResultSet.updateBlob()`.
- Removed duplicate code from `UpdatableResultSet` (it can be inherited from `ResultSet`, the extra code for each method to handle updatability I thought might someday be necessary has not been needed).
- Fixed "UnsupportedEncodingException" thrown when "forcing" a character encoding via properties.
- Fixed various non-ASCII character encoding issues.
- Added driver property 'useHostsInPrivileges'. Defaults to true. Affects whether or not '@hostname' will be used in

DBMD.getColumn/TablePrivileges.

- All DBMD result set columns describing schemas now return NULL to be more compliant with the behavior of other JDBC drivers for other databases (MySQL does not support schemas).
- Added SSL support. See README for information on how to use it.
- Properly restore connection properties when autoReconnecting or failing-over, including autoCommit state, and isolation level.
- Use 'SHOW CREATE TABLE' when possible for determining foreign key information for DatabaseMetaData...also allows cascade options for DELETE information to be returned
- Escape 0x5c character in strings for the SJIS charset.
- Fixed start position off-by-1 error in Clob.getSubString()
- Implemented Clob.truncate()
- Implemented Clob.setString()
- Implemented Clob.setAsciiStream()
- Implemented Clob.setCharacterStream()
- Added com.mysql.jdbc.MiniAdmin class, which allows you to send 'shutdown' command to MySQL server...Intended to be used when 'embedding' Java and MySQL server together in an end-user application.
- Added 'connectTimeout' parameter that allows users of JDK-1.4 and newer to specify a maxium time to wait to establish a connection.
- Failover and autoReconnect only work when the connection is in a autoCommit(false) state, in order to stay transaction safe
- Added 'queriesBeforeRetryMaster' property that specifies how many queries to issue when failed over before attempting to reconnect to the master (defaults to 50)
- Fixed DBMD.supportsResultSetConcurrency() so that it returns true for ResultSet.TYPE_SCROLL_INSENSITIVE and ResultSet.CONCUR_READ_ONLY or ResultSet.CONCUR_UPDATABLE
- Fixed ResultSet.isLast() for empty result sets (should return false).
- PreparedStatement now honors stream lengths in setBinary/Ascii/Character Stream() unless you set the connection property 'useStreamLengthsInPrepStmts' to 'false'.
- Removed some not-needed temporary object creation by using Strings smarter in EscapeProcessor, Connection and DatabaseMetaData classes.

09-21-02 - Version 3.0.1-dev

- Fixed ResultSet.getRow() off-by-one bug.
- Fixed RowDataStatic.getAt() off-by-one bug.
- Added limited Clob functionality (ResultSet.getClob(), PreparedStatement.setClob(), PreparedStatement.setObject(Clob)).
- Added socketTimeout parameter to URL.
- Connection.isClosed() no longer "pings" the server.
- Connection.close() issues rollback() when getAutoCommit() == false
- Added "paranoid" parameter...sanitizes error messages removing

"sensitive" information from them (i.e. hostnames, ports, usernames, etc.), as well as clearing "sensitive" data structures when possible.

- Fixed ResultSetMetaData.isSigned() for TINYINT and BIGINT.
- Charsets now automatically detected. Optimized code for single-byte character set conversion.
- Implemented ResultSet.getCharacterStream()
- Added "LOCAL TEMPORARY" to table types in DatabaseMetaData.getTableTypes()
- Massive code clean-up to follow Java coding conventions (the time had come)

07-31-02 - Version 3.0.0-dev

- **!!! LICENSE CHANGE !!!** The driver is now GPL. If you need non-GPL licenses, please contact me <mark@mysql.com>
- JDBC-3.0 functionality including Statement/PreparedStatement.getGeneratedKeys() and ResultSet.getURL()
- Performance enhancements - driver is now 50-100% faster in most situations, and creates fewer temporary objects
- Repackaging...new driver name is "com.mysql.jdbc.Driver", old name still works, though (the driver is now provided by MySQL-AB)
- Better checking for closed connections in Statement and PreparedStatement.
- Support for streaming (row-by-row) result sets (see README) Thanks to Doron.
- Support for large packets (new addition to MySQL-4.0 protocol), see README for more information.
- JDBC Compliance -- Passes all tests besides stored procedure tests
- Fix and sort primary key names in DBMetaData (SF bugs 582086 and 582086)
- Float types now reported as java.sql.Types.FLOAT (SF bug 579573)
- ResultSet.getTimestamp() now works for DATE types (SF bug 559134)
- ResultSet.getDate/Time/Timestamp now recognizes all forms of invalid values that have been set to all zeroes by MySQL (SF bug 586058)
- Testsuite now uses Junit (which you can get from www.junit.org)
- The driver now only works with JDK-1.2 or newer.
- Added multi-host failover support (see README)
- General source-code cleanup.
- Overall speed improvements via controlling transient object creation in MySQLIO class when reading packets
- Performance improvements in string handling and field metadata creation (lazily instantiated) contributed by Alex Twisleton-Wykeham-Fiennes

05-16-02 - Version 2.0.14

- More code cleanup
- PreparedStatement now releases resources on .close() (SF bug 553268)
- Quoted identifiers not used if server version does not support them. Also, if server started with --ansi or --sql-mode=ANSI_QUOTES then ''' will be used as an identifier quote, otherwise `` will be used.
- ResultSet.getDouble() now uses code built into JDK to be more precise (but slower)
- LogicalHandle.isClosed() calls through to physical connection
- Added SQL profiling (to STDERR). Set "profileSql=true" in your JDBC url. See README for more information.
- Fixed typo for relaxAutoCommit parameter.

04-24-02 - Version 2.0.13

- More code cleanup.
- Fixed unicode chars being read incorrectly (SF bug 541088)
- Faster blob escaping for PrepStmt
- Added set/getPortNumber() to DataSource(s) (SF bug 548167)
- Added setURL() to MySQLXDataSource (SF bug 546019)
- PreparedStatement.toString() fixed (SF bug 534026)
- ResultSetMetaData.getColumnClassName() now implemented
- Rudimentary version of Statement.getGeneratedKeys() from JDBC-3.0 now implemented (you need to be using JDK-1.4 for this to work, I believe)
- DBMetaData.getIndexInfo() - bad PAGES fixed (SF BUG 542201)

04-07-02 - Version 2.0.12

- General code cleanup.
- Added getIdleFor() method to Connection and MysqlLogicalHandle.
- Relaxed synchronization in all classes, should fix 520615 and 520393.
- Added getTable/ColumnPrivileges() to DBMD (fixes 484502).
- Added new types to getTypeInfo(), fixed existing types thanks to Al Davis and Kid Kalanon.
- Added support for BIT types (51870) to PreparedStatement.
- Fixed getRow() bug (527165) in ResultSet
- Fixes for ResultSet updatability in PreparedStatement.
- Fixed timezone off by 1-hour bug in PreparedStatement (538286, 528785).
- ResultSet: Fixed updatability (values being set to null if not updated).
- DataSources - fixed setUrl bug (511614, 525565), wrong datasource class name (532816, 528767)
- Added identifier quoting to all DatabaseMetaData methods that need them (should fix 518108)
- Added support for YEAR type (533556)
- ResultSet.insertRow() should now detect auto_increment fields

in most cases and use that value in the new row. This detection will not work in multi-valued keys, however, due to the fact that the MySQL protocol does not return this information.

- ResultSet.refreshRow() implemented.
- Fixed testsuite.Traversal afterLast() bug, thanks to Igor Lastric.

01-27-02 - Version 2.0.11

- Fixed missing DELETE_RULE value in DBMD.getImported/ExportedKeys() and getCrossReference().
- Full synchronization of Statement.java.
- More changes to fix "Unexpected end of input stream" errors when reading BLOBs. This should be the last fix.

01-24-02 - Version 2.0.10

- Fixed spurious "Unexpected end of input stream" errors in MysqlIO (bug 507456).
- Fixed null-pointer-exceptions when using MySqlConnectionPoolDataSource with Websphere 4 (bug 505839).

01-13-02 - Version 2.0.9

- Ant build was corrupting included jar files, fixed (bug 487669).
- Fixed extra memory allocation in MysqlIO.readPacket() (bug 488663).
- Implementation of DatabaseMetaData.getExported/ImportedKeys() and getCrossReference().
- Full synchronization on methods modifying instance and class-shared references, driver should be entirely thread-safe now (please let me know if you have problems)
- DataSource implementations moved to org.gjt.mm.mysql.jdbc2.optional package, and (initial) implementations of PooledConnectionDataSource and XADataSource are in place (thanks to Todd Wolff for the implementation and testing of PooledConnectionDataSource with IBM WebSphere 4).
- Added detection of network connection being closed when reading packets (thanks to Todd Lizambri).
- Fixed quoting error with escape processor (bug 486265).
- Report batch update support through DatabaseMetaData (bug 495101).
- Fixed off-by-one-hour error in PreparedStatement.setTimestamp() (bug 491577).
- Removed concatenation support from driver (the '||' operator), as older versions of VisualAge seem to be the only thing that use it, and it conflicts with the logical '||' operator. You will need to start mysqld with the "--ansi" flag to use the '||' operator as concatenation (bug 491680)
- Fixed casting bug in PreparedStatement (bug 488663).

11-25-01 - Version 2.0.8

- Batch updates now supported (thanks to some inspiration from Daniel Rall).
- XADataSource/ConnectionPoolDataSource code (experimental)

- `PreparedStatement.setAnyNumericType()` now handles positive exponents correctly (adds "+" so MySQL can understand it).
- `DatabaseMetaData.getPrimaryKeys()` and `getBestRowIdentifier()` are now more robust in identifying primary keys (matches regardless of case or abbreviation/full spelling of Primary Key in `Key_type` column).

10-24-01 - Version 2.0.7

- `PreparedStatement.setCharacterStream()` now implemented
- Fixed dangling socket problem when in high availability (`autoReconnect=true`) mode, and finalizer for `Connection` will close any dangling sockets on GC.
- Fixed `ResultSetMetaData.getPrecision()` returning one less than actual on newer versions of MySQL.
- `ResultSet.getBlob()` now returns null if column value was null.
- Character sets read from database if `useUnicode=true` and `characterEncoding` is not set. (thanks to Dmitry Vereshchagin)
- Initial transaction isolation level read from database (if available) (thanks to Dmitry Vereshchagin)
- Fixed `DatabaseMetaData.supportsTransactions()`, and `supportsTransactionIsolationLevel()` and `getTypeInfo()` `SQL_DATETIME_SUB` and `SQL_DATA_TYPE` fields not being readable.
- Fixed `PreparedStatement` generating SQL that would end up with syntax errors for some queries.
- Fixed `ResultSet.isAfterLast()` always returning false.
- Fixed timezone issue in `PreparedStatement.setTimestamp()` (thanks to Erik Olofsson)
- Capitalize type names when "`capitalizeTypeNames=true`" is passed in URL or properties (for `WebObjects`, thanks to Anjo Krank)
- Updatable result sets now correctly handle NULL values in fields.
- `PreparedStatement.setDouble()` now uses full-precision doubles (reverting a fix made earlier to truncate them).
- `PreparedStatement.setBoolean()` will use 1/0 for values if your MySQL Version $\geq 3.21.23$.

06-16-01 - Version 2.0.6

- Fixed `PreparedStatement` parameter checking
- Fixed case-sensitive column names in `ResultSet.java`

06-13-01 - Version 2.0.5

- Fixed `ResultSet.getBlob()` `ArrayIndex` out-of-bounds
- Fixed `ResultSetMetaData.getColumnTypeName` for TEXT/BLOB
- Fixed `ArrayIndexOutOfBoundsException` when sending large BLOB queries (Max size packet was not being set)

- Added ISOLATION level support to Connection.setIsolationLevel()
- Fixed NPE on PreparedStatement.executeUpdate() when all columns have not been set.
- Fixed data parsing of TIMESTAMPS with 2-digit years
- Added Byte to PreparedStatement.setObject()
- ResultSet.getBoolean() now recognizes '-1' as 'true'
- ResultSet has +/-Inf/inf support
- ResultSet.insertRow() works now, even if not all columns are set (they will be set to "NULL")
- DataBaseMetaData.getCrossReference() no longer ArrayIndexOOB
- getObject() on ResultSet correctly does TINYINT->Byte and SMALLINT->Short

12-03-00 - Version 2.0.3

- Implemented getBigDecimal() without scale component for JDBC2.
- Fixed composite key problem with updateable result sets.
- Added detection of -/+INF for doubles.
- Faster ASCII string operations.
- Fixed incorrect detection of MAX_ALLOWED_PACKET, so sending large blobs should work now.
- Fixed off-by-one error in java.sql.Blob implementation code.
- Added "ultraDevHack" URL parameter, set to "true" to allow (broken) Macromedia UltraDev to use the driver.

04-06-00 - Version 2.0.1

- Fixed RSMD.isWritable() returning wrong value. Thanks to Moritz Maass.
- Cleaned up exception handling when driver connects
- Columns that are of type TEXT now return as Strings when you use getObject()
- DatabaseMetaData.getPrimaryKeys() now works correctly wrt to key_seq. Thanks to Brian Slesinsky.
- No escape processing is done on PreparedStatements anymore per JDBC spec.
- Fixed many JDBC-2.0 traversal, positioning bugs, especially wrt to empty result sets. Thanks to Ron Smits, Nick Brook, Cessar Garcia and Carlos Martinez.
- Fixed some issues with updatability support in ResultSet when using multiple primary keys.

02-21-00 - Version 2.0pre5

- Fixed Bad Handshake problem.

01-10-00 - Version 2.0pre4

- Fixes to ResultSet for insertRow() - Thanks to Cesar Garcia

- Fix to Driver to recognize JDBC-2.0 by loading a JDBC-2.0 class, instead of relying on JDK version numbers. Thanks to John Baker.
- Fixed ResultSet to return correct row numbers
- Statement.getUpdateCount() now returns rows matched, instead of rows actually updated, which is more SQL-92 like.

10-29-99

- Statement/PreparedStatement.getMoreResults() bug fixed. Thanks to Noel J. Bergman.
- Added Short as a type to PreparedStatement.setObject(). Thanks to Jeff Crowder
- Driver now automatically configures maximum/preferred packet sizes by querying server.
- Autoreconnect code uses fast ping command if server supports it.
- Fixed various bugs wrt. to packet sizing when reading from the server and when alloc'ing to write to the server.

08-17-99 - Version 2.0pre

- Now compiles under JDK-1.2. The driver supports both JDK-1.1 and JDK-1.2 at the same time through a core set of classes. The driver will load the appropriate interface classes at runtime by figuring out which JVM version you are using.
- Fixes for result sets with all nulls in the first row. (Pointed out by Tim Endres)
- Fixes to column numbers in SQLExceptions in ResultSet (Thanks to Blas Rodriguez Somoza)
- The database no longer needs to be specified to connect. (Thanks to Christian Motschke)

07-04-99 - Version 1.2b

- Better Documentation (in progress), in doc/mm.doc/book1.html
- DBMD now allows null for a column name pattern (not in spec), which it changes to '%'. (contributed by Alan Wilken)
- DBMD now has correct types/lengths for getXXX().
- ResultSet.getDate(), getTime(), and getTimestamp() fixes. (contributed by Alan Wilken)
- EscapeProcessor now handles \{ \} and { or } inside quotes correctly. (thanks to Alik for some ideas on how to fix it)
- Fixes to properties handling in Connection. (contributed by Juho Tikkala)
- ResultSet.getObject() now returns null for NULL columns in the table, rather than bombing out. (thanks to Ben Grosman)
- ResultSet.getObject() now returns Strings for types from MySQL that it doesn't know about. (Suggested by Chris Perdue)
- Removed DataInput/Output streams, not needed, 1/2 number

of method calls per IO operation.

- Use default character encoding if one is not specified. This is a work-around for broken JVMs, because according to spec, EVERY JVM must support "ISO8859_1", but they don't.
- Fixed Connection to use the platform character encoding instead of "ISO8859_1" if one isn't explicitly set. This fixes problems people were having loading the character-converter classes that didn't always exist (JVM bug). (thanks to Fritz Elfert for pointing out this problem)
- Changed MysqlIO to re-use packets where possible to reduce memory usage.
- Fixed escape-processor bugs pertaining to {} inside quotes.

04-14-99 - Version 1.2a

- Fixed character-set support for non-Javasoft JVMs (thanks to many people for pointing it out)
- Fixed ResultSet.getBoolean() to recognize 'y' & 'n' as well as '1' & '0' as boolean flags. (thanks to Tim Pizey)
- Fixed ResultSet.getTimestamp() to give better performance. (thanks to Richard Swift)
- Fixed getByte() for numeric types. (thanks to Ray Bellis)
- Fixed DatabaseMetaData.getTypeInfo() for DATE type. (thanks to Paul Johnston)
- Fixed EscapeProcessor for "fn" calls. (thanks to Piyush Shah at locomotive.org)
- Fixed EscapeProcessor to not do extraneous work if there are no escape codes. (thanks to Ryan Gustafson)
- Fixed Driver to parse URLs of the form "jdbc:mysql://host:port" (thanks to Richard Lobb)

03-24-99 - Version 1.1i

- Fixed Timestamps for PreparedStatements
- Fixed null pointer exceptions in RSMD and RS
- Re-compiled with jikes for valid class files (thanks ms!)

03-08-99 - Version 1.1h

- Fixed escape processor to deal with un-matched { and } (thanks to Craig Coles)
- Fixed escape processor to create more portable (between DATETIME and TIMESTAMP types) representations so that it will work with BETWEEN clauses. (thanks to Craig Longman)
- MysqlIO.quit() now closes the socket connection. Before, after many failed connections some OS's would run out of file descriptors. (thanks to Michael Brinkman)
- Fixed NullPointerException in Driver.getPropertyInfo. (thanks to Dave Potts)

- Fixes to MysqlDefs to allow all *text fields to be retrieved as Strings. (thanks to Chris at Leverage)
- Fixed setDouble in PreparedStatement for large numbers to avoid sending scientific notation to the database. (thanks to J.S. Ferguson)
- Fixed getScale() and getPrecision() in RSMD. (contrib'd by James Klicman)
- Fixed getObject() when field was DECIMAL or NUMERIC (thanks to Bert Hobbs)
- DBMD.getTables() bombed when passed a null table-name pattern. Fixed. (thanks to Richard Lobb)
- Added check for "client not authorized" errors during connect. (thanks to Hannes Wallnoefer)

02-19-99 - Version 1.1g

- Result set rows are now byte arrays. Blobs and Unicode work bidirectionally now. The useUnicode and encoding options are implemented now.
- Fixes to PreparedStatement to send binary set by setXXXStream to be sent un-touched to the MySQL server.
- Fixes to getDriverPropertyInfo().

12-31-98 - Version 1.1f

- Changed all ResultSet fields to Strings, this should allow Unicode to work, but your JVM must be able to convert between the character sets. This should also make reading data from the server be a bit quicker, because there is now no conversion from StringBuffer to String.
- Changed PreparedStatement.streamToString() to be more efficient (code from Uwe Schaefer).
- URL parsing is more robust (throws SQL exceptions on errors rather than NullPointerExceptions)
- PreparedStatement now can convert Strings to Time/Date values via setObject() (code from Robert Currey).
- IO no longer hangs in Buffer.readInt(), that bug was introduced in 1.1d when changing to all byte-arrays for result sets. (Pointed out by Samo Login)

11-03-98 - Version 1.1b

- Fixes to DatabaseMetaData to allow both IBM VA and J-Builder to work. Let me know how it goes. (thanks to Jac Kersing)
- Fix to ResultSet.getBoolean() for NULL strings (thanks to Barry Lagerweij)
- Beginning of code cleanup, and formatting. Getting ready to branch this off to a parallel JDBC-2.0 source tree.
- Added "final" modifier to critical sections in MysqlIO and Buffer to allow compiler to inline methods for speed.

9-29-98

- If object references passed to setXXX() in PreparedStatement are null, setNull() is automatically called for you. (Thanks for the suggestion goes to Erik Ostrom)

- setObject() in PreparedStatement will now attempt to write a serialized representation of the object to the database for objects of Types.OTHER and objects of unknown type.
- Util now has a static method readObject() which given a ResultSet and a column index will re-instantiate an object serialized in the above manner.

9-02-98 - Version 1.1

- Got rid of "ugly hack" in MysqlIO.nextRow(). Rather than catch an exception, Buffer.isLastDataPacket() was fixed.
- Connection.getCatalog() and Connection.setCatalog() should work now.
- Statement.setMaxRows() works, as well as setting by property maxRows. Statement.setMaxRows() overrides maxRows set via properties or url parameters.
- Automatic re-connection is available. Because it has to "ping" the database before each query, it is turned off by default. To use it, pass in "autoReconnect=true" in the connection URL. You may also change the number of reconnect tries, and the initial timeout value via "maxReconnects=n" (default 3) and "initialTimeout=n" (seconds, default 2) parameters. The timeout is an exponential backoff type of timeout, e.g. if you have initial timeout of 2 seconds, and maxReconnects of 3, then the driver will timeout 2 seconds, 4 seconds, then 16 seconds between each re-connection attempt.

8-24-98 - Version 1.0

- Fixed handling of blob data in Buffer.java
- Fixed bug with authentication packet being sized too small.
- The JDBC Driver is now under the LPGL

8-14-98 -

- Fixed Buffer.readLenString() to correctly read data for BLOBS.
- Fixed PreparedStatement.toString() to correctly read data for BLOBS.
- Fixed PreparedStatement.setDate() to not add a day.
(above fixes thanks to Vincent Partington)
- Added URL parameter parsing (?user=... etc).

8-04-98 - Version 0.9d

- Big news! New package name. Tim Endres from ICE Engineering is starting a new source tree for GNU GPL'd Java software. He's graciously given me the org.gjt.mm package directory to use, so now the driver is in the org.gjt.mm.mysql package scheme. I'm "legal" now. Look for more information on Tim's project soon.
- Now using dynamically sized packets to reduce memory usage when sending commands to the DB.
- Small fixes to getTypeInfo() for parameters, etc.

- DatabaseMetaData is now fully implemented. Let me know if these drivers work with the various IDEs out there. I've heard that they're working with JBuilder right now.
- Added JavaDoc documentation to the package.
- Package now available in .zip or .tar.gz.

7-28-98 - Version 0.9

- Implemented getTypeInfo().
Connection.rollback() now throws an SQLException per the JDBC spec.
- Added PreparedStatement that supports all JDBC API methods for PreparedStatement including InputStreams. Please check this out and let me know if anything is broken.
- Fixed a bug in ResultSet that would break some queries that only returned 1 row.
- Fixed bugs in DatabaseMetaData.getTables(), DatabaseMetaData.getColumns() and DatabaseMetaData.getCatalogs().
- Added functionality to Statement that allows executeUpdate() to store values for IDs that are automatically generated for AUTO_INCREMENT fields. Basically, after an executeUpdate(), look at the SQLWarnings for warnings like "LAST_INSERTED_ID = 'some number', COMMAND = 'your SQL query'".

If you are using AUTO_INCREMENT fields in your tables and are executing a lot of executeUpdate()s on one Statement, be sure to clearWarnings() every so often to save memory.

7-06-98 - Version 0.8

- Split MysqlIO and Buffer to separate classes. Some ClassLoaders gave an IllegalAccessException error for some fields in those two classes. Now mm.mysql works in applets and all classloaders.

Thanks to Joe Ennis <jce@mail.boone.com> for pointing out the problem and working on a fix with me.

7-01-98 - Version 0.7

- Fixed DatabaseMetadadata problems in getColumns() and bug in switch statement in the Field constructor.

Thanks to Costin Manolache <costin@tdiinc.com> for pointing these out.

5-21-98 - Version 0.6

- Incorporated efficiency changes from Richard Swift <Richard.Swift@kanatek.ca> in MysqlIO.java and ResultSet.java
- We're now 15% faster than gwe's driver.
- Started working on DatabaseMetaData.

The following methods are implemented:
* getTables()
* getTableTypes()

- * getColumnns
- * getCatalogs()