Basics: Introduction to Clustering
Topics

In this short course we will:

• Review the key benefits offered by Continuent Tungsten Clustering
• Examine the clustering architecture
• Topologies: Composite vs Multi-Site/Multi-Master
• Review automatic and manual failover
• Explore the concepts of a rolling maintenance procedure
• Study key resources to monitor and manage the cluster
Key Benefits

- **High Availability**
  - Maintain continuous connectivity during database maintenance or node failover
  - Automatic failover that replaces a failed local master within seconds
  - Manages seamless integration of failed nodes once corrected and available

- **Multi-Site/Multi-Master**
  - Deploy database clusters across physical datacenters or virtual geographic regions (think AWS)
  - Global real-time transaction processing between clusters and individual DBMS servers

- **Ease Of Use And Zero Down Time Operations**
  - Deploy within minutes to cloud or on-premises environments
  - Perform database maintenance and application upgrades without service interruptions

- **Performance**
  - Transparent load balancing operations across read slaves, reducing master load

- **No-Migration Deployments**
  - Continuent Clustering works with off-the-shelf MySQL (Community, Enterprise, Percona, MariaDB)
What does a Tungsten Cluster look like?
Tungsten Cluster Architecture
Tungsten Clusters: The Connector

- Any MySQL client can connect
- Connector initiates connections on behalf of client to the DBMS
Tungsten Clusters: The Replicator

- Extracts transactions from source binary logs (Master)
- Applies transactions to the target from the THL (Slave)
- Enable optional Parallel Apply for increased performance under the right circumstances

THL = Events + Metadata
What happens during a Failover?
Cluster rules fail over master if DBMS no longer accepts network connections

- Tungsten Manager detects a database outage
- Query flow stops, and a new master is chosen

1. Detect and shun a non-responsive node
2. Halt incoming connections
3. Find and promote the most up-to-date slave
Failed nodes can be re-provisioned from a backup with a single management command

- The replicator on the promoted node is then brought online as a master
- Query flow is re-enabled so as to get the application online as quickly as possible
- Lastly, any remaining slave replicators will be re-pointed to the newly promoted master
Tungsten Cluster Topologies for High Availability and Disaster Recovery
Simple Cluster: HA only in a Single Site
Composite Clusters: Full HA & DR that span remote sites and are ready for immediate failover.
Multi-Site/Multi-Master: Operate independent, active clusters on 2 or more remote sites
How do I achieve zero-downtime maintenance?
Tungsten clusters support Zero-downtime Maintenance operations from parameter changes to app upgrade

- **Task**: Upgrade MySQL to the latest version
- **Problem**: Requires a mysqld restart, hence can cause application downtime
- **Constraint**: Avoid application-visible restart
- **Solution**: Upgrade nodes in succession
Rolling maintenance proceeds node-by-node starting with slaves and proceeding to master

- Shun slave
- Upgrade MySQL
- Return node to cluster
- Discard and re-provision on failure

- Repeat for remaining slave(s)

- Switch master to promote an upgraded slave

- Upgrade old master
- Maintenance is now done!
Command Line Tools
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Resources
Tools: cctrl

- “cctrl” can be run from any node within a cluster to control the cluster and gather information
- Type “help” to get a full list of all commands available
- Use the “TAB” key for auto-completion – very handy!
- Always ensure the cluster is in “Automatic” mode for normal operation, and “Maintenance” mode for any maintenance activities
  - set policy automatic
  - set policy maintenance
- “ls” provides a summary overview of the entire cluster
- Control manual failover with one simple command: “switch”
**Tools : tpm diag**

- Provides support engineers with an entire overview of the cluster state, by:
  - Gathering point-in-time status of all components in a cluster
  - Gathering log files of all components in a cluster, including database logs to provide historical information
  - Bundles everything into one easy zip file that can be attached to a support case
- ALWAYS create a tpm diag package when you contact support for assistance
- **tungsten_send_diag**
  - Available in version 5.1 and later
  - Executes tpm diag to generate the diagnostic package
  - Automatically uploads the package to support
  - [https://docs.continuent.com/tungsten-clustering-5.1/cmdline-tools-tungsten_send_diag.html](https://docs.continuent.com/tungsten-clustering-5.1/cmdline-tools-tungsten_send_diag.html)
Log Files

- The `/opt/continuent/service_logs/` directory contains both text files and symbolic links.
- Links in the `service_logs` directory go to one of three (3) subdirectories:
  - `/opt/continuent/tungsten/tungsten-connector/log/`
  - `/opt/continuent/tungsten/tungsten-manager/log/`
  - `/opt/continuent/tungsten/tungsten-replicator/log/`

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tungsten@dbl:/opt/continuent/service_logs  $ ll
 total 116
lrwxrwxrwx 1 tungsten tungsten   61  Jun 22 09:52 connector.log -> /opt/continuent/tungsten/tungsten-connector/log/connector.log
lrwxrwxrwx 1 tungsten tungsten   62  Jun 22 09:52 mysqldump.log -> /opt/continuent/tungsten/tungsten-replicator/log/mysqldump.log
lrwxrwxrwx 1 tungsten tungsten   55  Jun 22 09:52 tmsvc.log -> /opt/continuent/tungsten/tungsten-manager/log/tmsvc.log
lrwxrwxrwx 1 tungsten tungsten   60  Jun 22 09:52 trepsvc.log -> /opt/continuent/tungsten/tungsten-replicator/log/trepsvc.log
lrwxrwxrwx 1 tungsten tungsten   63  Jun 22 09:52 xtrabackup.log -> /opt/continuent/tungsten/tungsten-replicator/log/xtrabackup.log
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Demo of cctrl and performing a Manual Switch
Continuent Tungsten 5.2.0 build 214

east: session established, encryption=false, authentication=false

[LOGICAL] /east >

[tungsten@db1:~]$ cctrl

Continuent Tungsten cctrl

admin                          - Enter admin mode
cluster <command>              - Issue a command on the entire cluster
data src <host> <cmd>          - Issue a command on a datasource
expert                         - Enter expert mode
fai l o v er                   - Failover from failed master to slave
help                           - Show help
ls [options]                   - Show generic cluster status
members                       - List all of the managers in the cluster
ping                           - Test host availability
physical                      - Enter physical mode
quit or exit                   - Leave cctrl
replicator <host> <cmd>        - Issue a command on a replicator
service                       - Run a service script
switch                        - Promote a slave to master
set                            - Set management options

To get more information about particular commands type help followed by a command. Examples: 'help datasource' or 'help create composite'.

[LOGICAL] /east > help

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Overview
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Description: Overview of Tungsten cctrl Commands

Commands
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admin                          - Enter admin mode
cd <name>                      - Change to the specified SOR cluster element
cluster <command>              - Issue a command on the entire cluster
data src <host> <cmd>          - Issue a command on a datasource
expert                         - Enter expert mode
fai l o v er                   - Failover from failed master to slave
help                           - Show help
ls [options]                   - Show generic cluster status
members                       - List all of the managers in the cluster
ping                           - Test host availability
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[LOGICAL] /east > switch

SELECTED SLAVE: db3@east
SET POLICY: AUTOMATIC => MAINTENANCE
PURGE REMAINING ACTIVE SESSIONS ON CURRENT MASTER 'db1@east'
FLUSH TRANSACTIONS ON CURRENT MASTER 'db1@east'
PUT THE NEW MASTER 'db3@east' ONLINE
PUT THE PRIOR MASTER 'db1@east' ONLINE AS A SLAVE
RECONFIGURING SLAVE 'db2@east' TO POINT TO NEW MASTER 'db3@east'
REVERT POLICY: MAINTENANCE => AUTOMATIC
SWITCH TO 'db3@east' WAS SUCCESSFUL

[LOGICAL] /east >
Before

[logical] /east > ls
COORDINATOR: [db1: AUTOMATIC: ONLINE]

ROUTERS:

+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| connector@db1.chris-vagrant[10518] (ONLINE, created=0, active=0) |
| connector@db3.chris-vagrant[10518] (ONLINE, created=0, active=0) |
+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+

DATASOURCES:

+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| [db1 (master: ONLINE, progress=0, THL latency=0.668)] |
| [STATUS [OK] [2017/06/22 03:04:15 PM UTC]] |
+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+

+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| MANAGER (state=ONLINE) |
| REPLICATOR (role=master, state=ONLINE) |
| DATASERVER (state=ONLINE) |
| CONNECTIONS (created=0, active=0) |
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| [db2 (slave: ONLINE, progress=0, latency=3.913)] |
| [STATUS [OK] [2017/06/22 03:04:18 PM UTC]] |
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| MANAGER (state=ONLINE) |
| REPLICATOR (role=slave, master=db1, state=ONLINE) |
| DATASERVER (state=ONLINE) |
| CONNECTIONS (created=0, active=0) |
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+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| [db3 (slave: ONLINE, progress=0, latency=2.176)] |
| [STATUS [OK] [2017/06/22 03:04:17 PM UTC]] |
+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+

+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| MANAGER (state=ONLINE) |
| REPLICATOR (role=slave, master=db1, state=ONLINE) |
| DATASERVER (state=ONLINE) |
| CONNECTIONS (created=0, active=0) |
+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+

[logical] /east >

After

[logical] /east > ls
COORDINATOR: [db1: AUTOMATIC: ONLINE]

ROUTERS:

+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| connector@db1.chris-vagrant[10518] (ONLINE, created=0, active=0) |
| connector@db2.chris-vagrant[10596] (ONLINE, created=0, active=0) |
| connector@db3.chris-vagrant[10541] (ONLINE, created=0, active=0) |
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DATASOURCES:

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| [db1 (slave: ONLINE, progress=4, latency=1.081)] |
| [STATUS [OK] [2017/06/22 03:04:18 PM UTC]] |
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+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| MANAGER (state=ONLINE) |
| REPLICATOR (role=slave, master=db3, state=ONLINE) |
| DATASERVER (state=ONLINE) |
| CONNECTIONS (created=0, active=0) |
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| [db2 (slave: ONLINE, progress=4, latency=1.093)] |
| [STATUS [OK] [2017/06/22 03:04:18 PM UTC]] |
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+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| MANAGER (state=ONLINE) |
| REPLICATOR (role=slave, master=db2, state=ONLINE) |
| DATASERVER (state=ONLINE) |
| CONNECTIONS (created=0, active=0) |
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+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| [db3 (master: ONLINE, progress=4, THL latency=0.996)] |
| [STATUS [OK] [2017/06/22 03:04:17 PM UTC]] |
+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+

+----------------------------------------------------------------------------+
| MANAGER (state=ONLINE) |
| REPLICATOR (role=master, state=ONLINE) |
| DATASERVER (state=ONLINE) |
| CONNECTIONS (created=0, active=0) |
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[logical] /east >
SET POLICY MAINTENANCE
policy mode is now MAINTENANCE

DATASOURCE db1 shun
WARNING: This is an expert-level command:
Incorrect use may cause data corruption
or make the cluster unavailable.
Do you want to continue? (y/n)> y
The active primary in data service 'east' is 'db3'
DataSource 'db1' set to SHUNNED

REPLICATOR db1 offline
Replicator 'db1' is now OFFLINE

SET POLICY AUTOMATIC
policy mode is now AUTOMATIC
**Next Steps**

- If you are interested in knowing more about the clustering software and would like to try it out for yourself, please contact our sales team who will be able to take you through the details and setup a POC – [sales@continuent.com](mailto:sales@continuent.com)

- Read the documentation at [https://docs.continuent.com/tungsten-clustering-5.1/index.html](https://docs.continuent.com/tungsten-clustering-5.1/index.html)

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  – Training -- Tuesday, 25th July 2017, 09:00 PST, 17:00 BST, 30 minutes -- Basics: Power of the Tungsten Connector

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  – Webinar -- Wednesday, 19th July 2017, 09:00 PST, 17:00 BST, 30 minutes -- Tungsten Replicator for Oracle – A Real Oracle GoldenGate Alternative
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