Tungsten Replicator Master Class

Intermediate: Replicator Monitoring & Troubleshooting

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Topics

In this short course, we will

- Discuss Monitoring & Troubleshooting
 - Review Common Issues
 - Triggers
 - Finding and understanding Log Files
 - Handling (and recovering from) Failures
 - Skipping Transactions
 - Resetting
 - Scripts for Monitoring



Most Common Issues

Common Incidents:

- Network Failures
- Disk Capacity
- OOM
- MySQL Crashes
- MySQL Max Connections
- Human Error
 - Deletion of THL
 - Incorrect Shutdown Procedures
 - Writing direct to a replica

Things to check:

- Set up Monitoring / Alerts
- Check status outputs
- Check Log Files
- Check OS
- Check MySQL state



Triggers

- Triggers are an issue in all MySQL<>MySQL replication topologies
- The combination of the binlog_format (ROW vs MIXED) and the TRIGGER type (DETERMINISTIC vs NONDETERMINISTIC) will result in triggers behaving differently.
- Fither:
 - Avoid Triggers altogether if possible, or
 - Code Triggers to intelligently fire ONLY on Primary hosts
- Read the docs for a full explanation:
 - https://docs.continuent.com/tungsten-clustering-6.1/troubleshooting-known-issues-triggers.html



Log Files

- /opt/continuent/service_logs/
 - trepsvc.log for complete replicator log
- Use logrotate to manage
- `replicator dump`
 - Dumps memory stack to log file
 - Can be useful in support cases
 - Automatically issued by `tpm diag`



Recovering from Failures

- Enable auto-recovery properties
- Review log files to understand errors
- Simply try restarting replicator YES this sometimes works!
- Which node is experiencing an error?
- If statement clash, is skipping safe?
- If database crashed, have you lost binary logs?
- Have you lost THL Files?
- Worse case Reset and Re-provision



Monitoring Scripts

Nagios-compatible scripts are located in

```
$CONTINUENT_ROOT/tungsten/cluster-home/bin/check_tungsten_*
```

- These scripts will only check the local host. They do not check other hosts.
- check tungsten online report ok if all services are online
- check_tungsten_services -r report ok if replicator services are healthy
- check_tungsten_latency used for Nagios style warning and critical replicator latency thresholds
- Write your own! New API coming in v7



Summary

What we have learnt today

- Reviewed Common Issues
- Discussed Triggers
- Looked at Log Files
- Discussed Failures
 - Skipping Transactions
 - Resetting
- Reviewed Scripts for Monitoring



Next Steps

In the next session we will

• Explore Filtering!



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