Percona XtraBackup Current and Future State

What's the future of the open-source industry standard for MySQL hot backup?

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Who Am I?

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What is XtraBackup?

- Enterprise-Grade
- Cloud-Integrated
- Supports MyRocks
- 100% Free and Open Source Software
- Online Hot Backup for MySQL





What is XtraBackup

xtrabackup –

Main binary utility, performs the backup and preparation stages

xbstream –

 Both a file format and a utility. This allows simultaneous compression and streaming of backup data

xbcrypt –

Supports encryption and decryption of backups, integrates with xbstream

xbcloud -

 Provides a method to perform streaming backups to supported cloud object storage. Currently supports the S3 API and the Swift API



Current State

Split Binaries for PXB 8.0 and PXB 2.4

- MySQL 8.0 introduced a new data dictionary and redo log format
- Data dictionaries in MySQL 8.0 give many great advantages, but are fundamentally incompatible with the necessary code paths for supporting 5.7
- Oracle also split their MySQL Enterprise Backup binaries for the same reasons
- PXB 2.4 and 8.0 are independent release series, both still actively developed.



MyRocks Consistent Backups

- New data dictionary format relies on InnoDB, which means even in a purely MyRocks database the system tables would still use InnoDB
- Added checkpointing into MyRocks both in Percona Server and upstream in FB-MySQL
- Checkpointing allows us to gather an LSN at the point in time of the backup, in order to appropriately process the MyRocks WAL
- Utilizing the log_status table allows us to match consistency to InnoDB binary log while backing up all InnoDB databases including the system tables



Support for Streaming Cloud Object Storage

- Added into xbcloud as a necessary feature for enabling the use of MySQL w/ XtraBackup in a Kubernetes environment
- Expanded capabilities of xbcloud and added support for the S3 API
- S3 API works with AWS S3, Minio, Google Cloud Storage, and others
- Allows a backup to be executed where nothing is written locally to disk, it is all immediately streamed offsite.



Roadmap Overview

Security Improvements

- Support transition encryption keys to ensure that PXB based SST can succeed when every PXC member in a cluster uses a different unique encryption keey
- Tighter integration with Hashicorp Vault, including the use of Vault to generate a unique encryption key for each backup before it transits the wire.
- Support for the PS 8.0 Encryption Threads and Key Rotation feature when it becomes GA



Performance Improvements

- New flag that will auto-tune the value typically set by --usememory by analyzing the MySQL redo log
- Support adjustable chunk sizing in xbstream and xbcloud
- Make --parallel work on a chunk level in xtrabackup rather than a file level for speeding up backups of large single-file databases
- Add exponential back-off into our xbcloud API wrappers to reduce failures during retries



Improved Integrations

- Add Native Google Cloud Storage support to xbcloud
- Add Native Azure Blob support to xbcloud
- MyRocks Incremental Backups
- Support restoring/retrieving from tarballs with xbcloud
- Add support for IAM Roles in our S3 integration in xbcloud



Questions?

Please Reach Out if You Have Ideas/Concerns

- tyler.duzan@percona.com
- Zendesk Support Tickets
- File a New Feature in JIRA



