MySQL HeatWave on AWS

One MySQL Database for OLTP, OLAP, and Machine Learning on AWS

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Purpose statement

This document provides an overview of features and enhancements included in HeatWave. It is intended solely to help you assess the benefits of HeatWave and to plan your I.T. projects.

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Benchmark queries are derived from the TPC-H and TPC-DS benchmark, but results are not comparable to published TPC-H and TPC-DS benchmark results since they do not comply with the TPC-H TPC-DS specification.
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Introduction

MySQL HeatWave on Amazon Web Services (AWS) is a fully managed database service. The service automates the common management tasks of a database system, such as:

- Setting up, configuring and tuning the database
- Security patching and upgrading of the host operating system and database system
- Orchestrating database backups

MySQL HeatWave is the only service that combines transaction processing, real-time analytics, and machine learning within one single MySQL database.

MySQL HeatWave eliminates the need for complex, time-consuming ETL operations and unnecessary data duplication between separate databases and tools for OLTP, analytics, and machine learning use cases. Customers avoid the latency and security risks of data movement between data stores while reducing costs. MySQL HeatWave also includes MySQL Autopilot, providing workload-aware, machine learning-powered automation of various aspects of the database system lifecycle; including provisioning, data management, query execution and failure handling for both OLTP and analytics workloads.

Oracle now makes all these MySQL HeatWave capabilities, which are built, managed, and continuously supported by the MySQL HeatWave development team, available on AWS. All components of the MySQL HeatWave service on AWS, namely the service console, control plane, and data plane, are built and optimized for AWS. MySQL HeatWave’s native integration with AWS enables customers with applications already deployed in AWS to benefit from MySQL HeatWave without incurring the latency associated with accessing a database service running outside of AWS. Customers also don’t incur the high data egress fees charged by AWS that would be necessary to migrate data to a service running outside of AWS. Lastly, the tight integration of MySQL HeatWave with the AWS infrastructure, e.g. Amazon S3, CloudWatch, PrivateLink, makes it easy for developers to rely on MySQL HeatWave for new applications.

“MySQL HeatWave on AWS fits perfectly into our data platform with 60X to 90X faster complex queries compared to AWS RDS and Aurora. It generates real-time analytics we need for targeted, multichannel campaigns. We now have greater scalability to onboard more data and new clients of any size without increasing IT admin.”

Thomas Henz
Chief Executive Officer, Johnny Bytes
Performance and Price Performance Advantages

Only compute costs are considered in the above graphs. Pricing for Redshift is based on 1 year reserved instance, paid upfront. Pricing for Snowflake is based on standard edition. Pricing for Google BigQuery is based on monthly flat rate commitment. Pricing for Azure Synapse is based on 1 year reserved pricing.

*Benchmark queries are derived from the TPC-H benchmarks, but results are not comparable to published TPC-H benchmark results since these do not comply with the TPC-H specifications.

With its superior data-processing architecture and optimization for AWS infrastructure, MySQL HeatWave on AWS delivers unmatched performance and price-performance. On the 4TB TPC-H benchmark, MySQL HeatWave on AWS delivers 7x better price performance than Amazon Redshift, 10x better than Snowflake, 12x better than Google BigQuery and 4x better than Azure Synapse. For machine learning, MySQL HeatWave on AWS is 25x faster than Redshift ML. On a 10GB TPC-C workload, MySQL HeatWave offers up to 10X higher and sustained throughput compared to Amazon Aurora at high concurrency. All of these fully transparent benchmark scripts are available on GitHub for customers to replicate.

“MySQL HeatWave on AWS has 50X faster complex queries compared to AWS RDS that provide us real-time insights to accelerate application development and help us improve patients’ lives.”

Kyle Yang
Assistant Manager
Bionime
Architecture of MySQL HeatWave on AWS

MySQL HeatWave on AWS delivers a true native experience for AWS customers. The console, control plane, and data plane completely reside in AWS and are responsible for managing the MySQL HeatWave database resources in AWS. The control plane communicates with Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI) Identity for account management, and with OCI metering & billing for monitoring and managing the usage and expenses associated with the customer’s account.

Once the user signs up for an OCI cloud account and registers their OCI account with MySQL HeatWave on AWS, the main interactions with the MySQL HeatWave service take place in AWS, through the service console hosted at cloud.mysql.com. The MySQL HeatWave console relies on the RESTful API provided by the MySQL HeatWave control plane to handle the user requests.

MySQL HeatWave Control Plane

The MySQL HeatWave control plane, which enables the management of MySQL HeatWave and maintains the necessary metadata, is built on publicly available AWS services. The control plane components are hosted in the Oracle AWS account dedicated to the MySQL HeatWave service and are tightly controlled with AWS Identity and Access Management permissions and policies.

The MySQL HeatWave control plane is responsible for the management of the database system lifecycle including provisioning/de-provisioning/pausing, the configuration of the database system, orchestrating backups, security patching, upgrades, monitoring, as well as ensuring the isolation of different database systems from each other.

“MySQL HeatWave on AWS has 139X faster complex queries in comparison to AWS RDS and Aurora. This provides a significant opportunity to simplify the existing data infrastructure for both OLTP and OLAP, along with sub-second response time, to deliver an optimal experience.”

Anish Kumar
Associate Vice President
6D Technologies
MySQL HeatWave Data Plane

MySQL HeatWave on AWS hosts all the customer databases components in a dedicated AWS account and strictly isolates them from the service control plane components and other database systems managed by the control plane.

MySQL HeatWave databases are hosted on AWS services, which are publicly available to AWS customers, such as Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) for data processing, Elastic Block Storage (EBS) for storage, and VPC for resource isolation. Customers do not have access to the infrastructure on which the database runs, such as the database host machines or storage; they are provided with a MySQL endpoint, which can be accessed by a standard MySQL client. Customers can restrict the client addresses that can access their database systems through the MySQL endpoint and the connection between the client and database system is secured with TLSv1.2. Using the MySQL endpoint, customers can run any application against their MySQL HeatWave database systems.

HeatWave Scale-Out Data Management

MySQL HeatWave on AWS now provides an optimized storage layer built on S3 to store the HeatWave in-memory hybrid columnar representation of the data. This allows data to be reloaded to each HeatWave node independently and in parallel, significantly improving the service uptime and the performance of operations such as error recovery, maintenance, and system restart.

The fast data reload from HeatWave storage layer also enables customers to easily and quickly pause and resume a HeatWave cluster to save cost when HeatWave is not needed.

MySQL HeatWave Features on AWS

MySQL HeatWave provides a single database system for high-performance and secure transaction processing, real-time analytics, and machine learning. Each MySQL HeatWave database system consists of a MySQL Database node, mainly targeting transaction processing, and a configurable number of HeatWave nodes for analytical processing and machine learning tasks. MySQL HeatWave on AWS
strives to provide the best price/performance by optimizing all components of the underlying AWS infrastructure—while keeping costs as low as possible.

The built-in MySQL Autopilot provides workload-aware, machine learning-based automation of various aspects of the application lifecycle, including provisioning, data management, query execution, and failure handling. MySQL Autopilot features include auto provisioning, auto parallel loading, auto encoding, auto data placement, auto unload, auto scheduling, auto query plan improvement, auto change propagation, and auto error handling. Combined, these features improve the performance of the application, reduce cost by predicting the optimal configuration to run a workload, and reduce manual database administration. MySQL Autopilot’s machine learning models, hosted in the database system, leverage the run time information like data and query statistics, memory, and network usage, providing continuous improvements over time. In addition to the automation features offered for the HeatWave analytics engine, MySQL Autopilot includes capabilities designed for OLTP workloads, which further improve the MySQL HeatWave price performance (more information provided further below).

Oracle provides the latest MySQL Enterprise Edition version in MySQL HeatWave on AWS, which contains the state-of-the-art performance, functionalities and security features developed, maintained, and supported by the MySQL team at Oracle. With each new release of the MySQL server, customers of MySQL HeatWave on AWS will have immediate access to the new features that are developed and tailored for the AWS infrastructure to maximize performance and security. Some of the performance and security features in the first release of MySQL HeatWave on AWS are presented in the following sections.

### MySQL Database

- **Tuned for peak performance:** MySQL HeatWave on AWS provides several shapes (i.e., AWS EC2 instance types) with different vCPU counts and memory sizes, on which the MySQL server can run for transaction processing. Customers can select a shape based on their workload needs. Each MySQL shape comes with a default MySQL configuration tailored for that shape to maximize performance on the target AWS infrastructure. Depending on the selected shape and storage size specified by the customer, the underlying storage system built on AWS EBS is tuned for peak performance without magnifying the associated costs.

- **New MySQL Autopilot features for OLTP:** MySQL Autopilot is now enhanced with two new features to provide workload-aware, machine learning-powered automation capabilities for OLTP workloads—to further improve performance and throughput while enabling cost savings:
  - **Auto Shape Prediction:** To alleviate the burden of experimenting with different MySQL shapes to determine the most performant shape for a given workload, Auto Shape Prediction provides suggestions for the right MySQL server.
shape, based on highly accurate predictions from machine-learning models inside the MySQL server and the most recent query execution metrics and traces. Since Auto Shape Prediction continuously collects workload execution statistics, it can adapt to the evolving workload patterns and hence provide suggestions based on the most recent workload.

- **Auto Thread Pooling**: With Auto Thread Pooling, MySQL HeatWave prioritizes not only peak single-thread performance, but also high throughput in the presence of concurrent clients running concurrent queries on a MySQL server. With this feature, the MySQL server now can perform workload-aware admission control of the incoming transactions. It eliminates the resource contention created by too many awaiting transactions, automatically queuing them to maximize performance while sustaining the throughput in the face of high concurrency.

- **Advanced security and compliance features**: MySQL HeatWave on AWS includes several comprehensive security features natively implemented in the MySQL server, as opposed to other services such as Amazon Aurora, which provide security methods as an additional layer on top of the database.
  - **Data masking and de-identification**: Helps organizations protect sensitive data from unauthorized users by hiding and replacing real values with substitutes.
  - **Asymmetric encryption**: Enables developers and DBAs to increase the protection of confidential data and comply with regulatory requirements including HIPAA, Sarbanes-Oxley, and the PCI Data Security Standard, through encryption, key generation, digital signatures, and other cryptographic features.
  - **Database firewall**: Provides real-time protection against database-specific attacks such as SQL injections, by monitoring, alerting, and blocking unauthorized database activity without any changes in the application.

**HeatWave Analytical Processing**

- **Optimized and tuned for peak performance and best price performance**: As the MySQL server, the HeatWave analytical processing engine is tuned to achieve the best performance on the AWS infrastructure. To minimize costs on AWS, the HeatWave processing engine is enhanced with aggressive compression of the in-memory data, which helps to reduce the memory footprint, hence the number of required processing nodes, without sacrificing peak performance.

- **Support for small workloads**: HeatWave has been mainly designed to meet the needs of very large datasets by utilizing many processing nodes with large memory capacities. To enable OLTP databases with smaller datasets to benefit from the capabilities of the HeatWave engine, MySQL HeatWave on AWS provides customers the option of selecting a cluster with smaller HeatWave shape, enabling them to benefit from the high performance of HeatWave at a lower cost.

“For any developers working with MySQL on AWS, Oracle has just dropped a big productivity boost on your doorstep without the big price tag.”

Carl Olofson
Research Vice President
IDC
HeatWave AutoML

HeatWave AutoML, integrated in the MySQL HeatWave service, provides fully automated in-database machine learning capabilities including training, inference, and explanation. This allows customers to securely leverage machine learning on real-time data without the complexity, latency, and cost of ETL. Since HeatWave AutoML stores all trained models inside the MySQL database, it eliminates the need for moving the models out of the MySQL HeatWave database system to an external machine learning tool or service.

In addition to enabling all the existing HeatWave AutoML features on AWS through the SQL interface, the MySQL HeatWave console on AWS enables HeatWave AutoML features through a user-friendly interface, further increasing the ease of use of the advanced HeatWave AutoML capabilities. To learn more about HeatWave AutoML, download our technical brief.

MySQL HeatWave Console

The MySQL HeatWave console is designed to facilitate:
- Lifecycle management of the MySQL HeatWave resources, such as MySQL Database systems, MySQL backups, MySQL configurations and HeatWave clusters.
- Resource and HeatWave data management by providing relevant MySQL Autopilot capabilities in the console.
- Workload monitoring through visualization of the schema metadata and statistics that are stored on the MySQL server.
- Management and visualization of training, inference, and explanation of machine learning algorithms offered by HeatWave AutoML.

Lifecycle Management

Customers can manage the MySQL HeatWave resources associated with their accounts through the MySQL HeatWave console. The MySQL HeatWave console provides a single pane of glass to manage MySQL Database system, the
HeatWave cluster attached to the MySQL Database system, as well as the configurations and backups of the database system. The service console allows users to, for example, provision/deprovision/configure resources, pause a MySQL database system, and pause the HeatWave cluster attached to it if no user activity is expected in order to save costs.

**Interactive Schema and Data Management**

Once the customer provisions MySQL HeatWave and imports data into the MySQL server, they can leverage the Auto Provisioning feature of MySQL Autopilot to estimate the HeatWave cluster size needed for their workload. To enable this, the MySQL HeatWave console provides users with a list of schemas and tables in each schema in the MySQL server. Depending on which tables the user wants to run analytical queries on, Auto Provisioning estimates the total memory usage in the HeatWave cluster memory, and based on the HeatWave shape selected by the user, it estimates the number of HeatWave cluster nodes needed to accommodate the target dataset. Users then can provision a HeatWave cluster based on the number of nodes suggested by Auto Provisioning and load the desired tables to the HeatWave memory for analytical processing.
Customers can continuously monitor the schemas and tables loaded in the MySQL server as well as the HeatWave memory. This monitoring information helps loading the desired tables into the HeatWave cluster memory in the most efficient way. The user first needs to select which tables to load into the HeatWave memory and then use Auto Parallel Load, which optimizes the load time and memory usage of the data load operation into HeatWave by predicting the optimal degree of parallelism for the set of tables selected by the user. To provide better visibility into storage and memory usage, the MySQL HeatWave console also provides detailed information about the estimated memory footprint of each table in the HeatWave cluster memory, encoding type, load status, as well as the predicted load time provided by MySQL Autopilot.

Once the desired tables are loaded into the HeatWave cluster memory, customers can monitor the actual breakdown of the memory consumption with the detailed breakdown of each table’s in-memory footprint.

**Interactive Query Interface & Workload Monitoring**
The MySQL HeatWave console provides a query editor to ease the customer’s interaction with their database system by eliminating the need to go back and forth between the console and an external MySQL client for resource and data management, respectively. Customers can write and execute queries on MySQL HeatWave and view the query results through the query editor, while monitoring the state of the database, all in the same console.

In addition, MySQL HeatWave workload monitoring summarizes the results of the most recent queries executed along with their execution time and the number of rows in the result set, allowing the customers to have access to the recent history of activities in the console.
Performance Monitoring

The MySQL HeatWave console allows users to monitor the overall and per-node utilization of the hardware resources such as CPU, memory, and storage, as well as a detailed breakdown of the resource consumption like data dictionary size, buffer pool size and database connections.

MySQL Autopilot Auto Shape Prediction Advisor
MySQL Autopilot - Auto shape prediction continuously monitors OLTP workload to provide suggestions that adapts to evolving workload patterns, allowing customers to maintain the best OLTP price performance over time. It also shows trends on the workload with metrics such as buffer pool hit ratio and buffer pool utilization factor, providing insights for customers to better understand their workloads. The visual representation within the console makes it extremely easy for database users to upsize or downsize their database shape to optimize price-performance

**HeatWave AutoML Model Creation, Prediction, and Explanation**

![MySQL HeatWave console](image)

The MySQL HeatWave console on AWS allows customers to train machine learning models, to use the trained models for predictions, and to inspect the explanations for the models and predictions. Users can tune the model by adjusting the training parameters such as algorithms and features to include, specify different scoring metric for model or prediction evaluation, and evaluate what-if scenarios by manipulating different feature values to understand how
they affect the model's predictions. The console lets business analysts to build, train, and run ML models without using SQL commands or any coding, simply using the visual interface.

**Conclusion**

Oracle believes in giving customers a choice. By making MySQL HeatWave natively available on AWS, customers can very easily benefit from the only cloud database service that combines transactions, analytics, and machine learning services into one MySQL Database, delivering real-time, secure analytics without the complexity, latency, and cost of ETL duplication—on AWS. Customers don’t have to face exorbitant data egress fees charged by AWS and higher latency when accessing a database service running in Oracle’s cloud. MySQL HeatWave on AWS is optimized for AWS with a superior architecture that delivers higher performance and lower cost, as demonstrated by industry-standard benchmarks.

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