

# Novel Contributions to the field

## How I broke MySQL's code-base (Part 2)



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# Part I Objectives - Presentation



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## Epitome ~ Novel contribution

The scope of this research is to mark novelty contribution to the field.

The main objective of this research is to present zero-day vulnerabilities, breaking the codebase of the most popular and most widely used database in the world.

To directly contribute to the development and enhance the security efforts of MySQL as a product, empowering the ties and efforts of our research partner Oracle Inc. pioneering cutting-edge industry-led research with proven multivariate results.

To offer something back to the security field, to give a notion of better security for open-source users. After all, this is the beauty of open-source products and technologies.

# MySQL prestige by Industry



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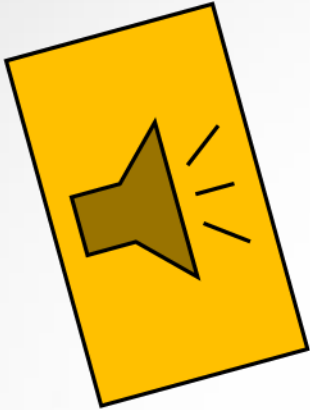
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# MySQL milestones – The past



Original development of MySQL by Michael Widenius and David Axmark beginning in 1994

First internal release on 23 May 1995

Version 3.19: End of 1996, from [www.tcx.se](http://www.tcx.se)

Version 3.20: January 1997

Windows version was released on 8 January 1998 for Windows 95 and NT

Version 3.21: production release 1998, from [www.mysql.com](http://www.mysql.com)

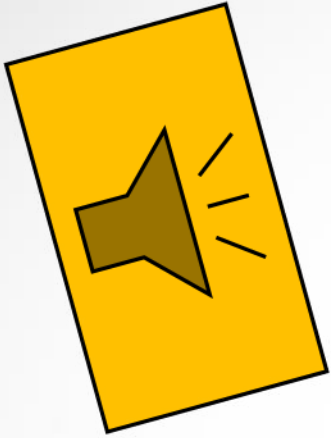
Version 3.22: alpha, beta from 1998

Version 3.23: beta from June 2000, production release 22 January 2001

Version 4.0: beta from August 2002, production release March 2003 (unions)



# MySQL milestones – The past



Version 4.0.1: beta from August 2003, adopts MySQL for database tracking

Version 4.1: beta from June 2004, production release October 2004

Version 5.0: beta from March 2005, production release October 2005

Sun Microsystems acquired MySQL AB in 2008.

Version 5.1: production release 27 November 2008

Oracle acquired Sun Microsystems on 27 January 2010

MySQL Server 5.5 was generally available (as of December 2010)

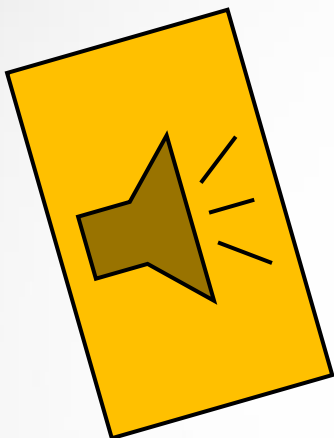
MySQL Server 6.0.11-alpha was announced<sup>[44]</sup> on 22 May 2009

The general availability of MySQL 5.6 was announced in February 2013

The general availability of MySQL 5.7 was announced in October 2015



# MySQL milestones -Synopsis of the past



## January, 2016 – Advanced Information Security Corporation

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### MySQL Multiple Bugs Let Remote Users Access Data and Deny Service, Remote Authenticated Users Modify Data, and Local Users Gain Elevated Privileges

SecurityTracker Alert ID: 1034708

SecurityTracker URL: <http://securitytracker.com/id/1034708>

CVE Reference: [CVE-2015-7744](#), [CVE-2016-0502](#), [CVE-2016-0503](#), [CVE-2016-0504](#), [CVE-2016-0505](#), [CVE-2016-0546](#), [CVE-2016-0594](#), [CVE-2016-0595](#), [CVE-2016-0596](#), [CVE-2016-0597](#), [CVE-2016-0598](#), [CVE-2016-0599](#), [CVE-2016-0600](#), [CVE-2016-0601](#), [CVE-2016-0605](#), [CVE-2016-0606](#), [CVE-2016-0607](#), [CVE-2016-0608](#), [CVE-2016-0609](#), [CVE-2016-0610](#), [CVE-2016-0611](#), [CVE-2016-0616](#) (Links to External Site)

Date: Jan 19 2016

Impact: [Denial of service via network](#), [Disclosure of system information](#), [Disclosure of user information](#), [Modification of system information](#), [Modification of user information](#), [User access via local system](#)

Fix Available: Yes Vendor Confirmed: Yes

Version(s): 5.5.46 and prior, 5.6.27 and prior, 5.7.9

The following researchers reported these and other Oracle product vulnerabilities:

Adam Willard of Raytheon Foreground Security; Alexey Tyurin of ERPSan; Andrea Micalizzi aka rgod (via HP's Zero Day Initiative); Anonymous (via HP's Zero Day Initiative); Brandon Vincent; Cybersecurity-upv; David Litchfield of Google; Dmitry Janushkevich of Secunia Research; Fernando Russ of Onapsis; FortiGuard Labs of Fortinet, Inc.; Francois Goichon of Context Information Security; Igor Kopylenko of McAfee Database Security Research Team; Ivan Chalykin of ERPSan; Jakub Palaczynski from ING Services Polska; Karthikeyan Bhargavan, Gaetan Leurent of INRIA; [Lovi Yu of Salesforce.com](#); [Luca Carettoni](#); Matias Mevied of Onapsis; Mike Arnold (Bruk0ut) (via HP's Zero Day Initiative); Nassim Bouali; [Nicholas Lemonias of Advanced Information Security Corporation](#); Nikita Kelesis of ERPSan; Peter Kostiuik of Salesforce.com; Ryan Giobbi of American Eagle Outfitters; Sergey Gorbaty of Salesforce.com; Shai Meir of McAfee Security Research; Spyridon Chatzimichail of COSMOTE - Mobile Telecommunications S.A.; Stefan Kanthak; Stephen Kost of Integrigy; Travis Emmert of Salesforce.com; and Will Dormann of CERT/CC.

**Impact:** A remote user can partial access data on the target system.

A remote authenticated user can partially modify data on the target system.

A remote user can cause partial denial of service conditions.

A local user can obtain elevated privileges on the target system.

**Solution:** The vendor has issued a fix as part of the January 2016 Oracle Critical Patch Update.



# MySQL milestones -Synopsis of the past



## July, 2016 – Advanced Information Security Corporation

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## MySQL Multiple Bugs Let Remote Users Access Data, Remote Authenticated Users Modify Data, Local or Remote Authenticated Users Deny Service, and Local Users Gain Elevated Privileges

SecurityTracker Alert ID: 1036362

SecurityTracker URL: <http://securitytracker.com/id/1036362>

**CVE Reference:** [CVE-2016-3424](#), [CVE-2016-3440](#), [CVE-2016-3452](#), [CVE-2016-3459](#), [CVE-2016-3471](#), [CVE-2016-3477](#), [CVE-2016-3486](#), [CVE-2016-3501](#), [CVE-2016-3518](#), [CVE-2016-3521](#), [CVE-2016-3588](#), [CVE-2016-3614](#), [CVE-2016-3615](#), [CVE-2016-5436](#), [CVE-2016-5437](#), [CVE-2016-5439](#), [CVE-2016-5440](#), [CVE-2016-5441](#), [CVE-2016-5442](#), [CVE-2016-5443](#), [CVE-2016-5444](#) *(Links to External Site)*

**Date:** Jul 19 2016

**Impact:** [Denial of service via local system](#), [Denial of service via network](#), [Disclosure of system information](#), [Disclosure of user information](#), [Modification of system information](#), [Modification of user information](#), [User access via local system](#)

**Fix Available:** Yes **Vendor Confirmed:** Yes

**Version(s):** 5.5.49 and prior, 5.6.30 and prior, 5.7.12 and prior

**Description:** Multiple vulnerabilities were reported in MySQL. A remote user can access data on the target system. A remote authenticated user can modify data on the target system. A local or remote authenticated user can cause denial of service conditions on the target system. A local user can obtain elevated privileges on the target system.

A local user can exploit a flaw in the Server: Parser component to gain elevated privileges [CVE-2016-3477].

CVE#	Component	Sub-component	Protocol	Remote Exploit without Auth.?	CVSS VERSION 3.0 RISK (see Risk Matrix Definitions)									Supported Versions Affected	Notes
					Base Score	Attack Vector	Attack Complex	Privs Req'd	User Interact	Scope	Confidentiality	Integrity	Availability		
<a href="#">CVE-2016-3477</a>	MySQL Server	Server: Parser	None	No	8.1	Local	High	None	None	Changed	High	High	High	5.5.49 and earlier, 5.6.30 and earlier, 5.7.12 and earlier	

# New year, new improvements!



## January, 2017 – Advanced Information Security Corporation

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### Credit Statement

The following people or organizations reported security vulnerabilities addressed by this Critical Patch Update to Oracle: Aleksandar Nikolic of Cisco Talos; Alexander Mirosh of Hewlett Packard Enterprise; Alvaro Munoz of Hewlett Packard Enterprise; Andrew Fowler of Lithium; Behzad Najjarpour Jabbari, Secunia Research at Flexera Software; Blessen Thomas of EY Global Delivery Services; Brian Martin of Tenable Network Security; Daniel Bleichenbacher of Google; Daniel Fahlgren; David Litchfield formerly of Google; Dawid Golunski of Legal Hackers; Deniz Cevik of Biznet Bilisim A.S.; Dmitry Yudin of ERPSan; Emiliano J. Fausto of Onapsis; Gaston Traberg of Onapsis; Jacob Baines - Tenable Network Security working with Trend Micro's Zero Day Initiative; John Page (hyp3rlinx); Kristian Hermansen at undisclosed; Li Qiang of the Qihoo 360 Gear Team; ma.la of LINE Corporation; Mala; Maris Elsin of Google; Matias Mevied of Onapsis; Moritz Bechler; **Nicholas Lemonias of Advanced Information Security Corporation**; Owais Mehtab of IS; Per Lindberg; Red Hat Product Security; Roman Shalymov of ERPSan; Shannon Hickey of Adobe; Tayeeb Rana of IS; Ubais PK of EY Global Delivery Services; Wladislaw Mitzel; Wolfgang Hotwagner; Xiejingwei Fei of FINRA; XOR19 of Trend Micro's Zero Day Initiative; and Zuozhi Fan formerly of Alibaba.

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CVE-2016-5541	MySQL Cluster	Cluster: NDBAPI	MySQL Protocol	Yes	4.8	Network	High	None	None	Un-changed	None	Low	Low	7.2.26 and earlier, 7.3.14 and earlier, 7.4.12 and earlier



## 1. MySQL Cluster 'NDBAPI' / Remote Buffer Overflow

### Affected Line:

```
..\storage\ndb\src\ndbapi\NdbBlob.cpp: 1518  
..\sql\ha_ndbcluster_binlog.cc:445  
..\storage\ndb\tools\ndb_lib_move_data.cpp:688
```

### Code Snippet:

```
memcpy(buf, thePartBuf.data, len);
```

**The source-code lacked controls in the code paths leading to 'readDataPrivate' which is susceptible to buffer overflow conditions. Passed size of variable buf instead of passing UINT\_MAX as the "bytes" argument.**



## MySQL Cluster / Remote Buffer Overflow

### January, 2017 Patch Update

**Oracle Inc. provided security fixes in code paths leading to 'readDataPrivate' to prevent buffer overflows.**

**(i) sql/ha\_ndbcluster\_binlog.cc, at line 445:  
Passed size of variable buf instead of passing  
UINT\_MAX as the "bytes" argument.**

**(ii) Added an assert in  
storage/ndb/tools/ndb\_lib\_move\_data.cpp, line  
688 to make sure "length1" is lesser than or equal  
to the buffer size.**



## 2. Buffer Overflow

**Affected Line:** 86

..\storage\ndb\src\common\portlib\NdbConfig.c

**Code Snippet**

```
strcat(buf, tmp_buf);
```

**Oracle Mitigation**

**Added an assert(len > 0) to prevent overflow of buffers.**

# Big Game Hunting – Zeroday disclosure



## 3. Memory Mismanagement

**Affected Line:** 40

..\storage\ndb\src\common\portlib\NdbMem.c

**Oracle Mitigation:**  
**Called `ndb_end()` function in places where controls were missing.**

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A low-angle photograph of a modern, cylindrical glass skyscraper. The building's facade is composed of large glass panels held together by horizontal metallic bands. The word "ORACLE" is prominently displayed in white, three-dimensional lettering at the top of the visible section. The sky is a clear, bright blue. In the lower right, another similar glass structure is partially visible, and some greenery can be seen at the bottom edge.





# (References)



[1] Oracle Critical Patch Update - January 2017. 2017. *Oracle Critical Patch Update - January 2017*.  
[ONLINE] Available at: <http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/security-advisory/cpujan2017-2881727.html>



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