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## Release notes

Learn about the new features, improvements, known and fixed issues, limitations, and unsupported features in this release of Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator.

### What's New

Learn about the new features and notable changes in this release.

#### Rebase on Strimzi 0.43.0 and Kafka 3.8.

This release of Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator is based on Strimzi 0.43.0 and Kafka 3.8.

See the following upstream resources for more information on these versions.

- [Strimzi 0.42.0 Release notes](#)
- [Strimzi 0.43.0 Release notes](#)
- [Kafka 3.8.0 Release notes](#)
- [Kafka 3.8.0 Notable changes](#)

#### Upstream highlights

The following is a list of highlighted changes included in the upstream version of Strimzi, Kafka, and other components. For a full list of upstream changes, see the release notes and notable changes above.

- [KAFKA-15905](#): Restarts of `MirrorCheckpointTask` should not permanently interrupt offset translation

Checkpointing task restarts do not reset the offset sync history. As a result, on average, a wider range of offsets can be translated by checkpointing than before.

- [strimzi-kafka-operator #10566](#): External Configuration Volumes is deprecated

The `spec.externalConfiguration.volumes` property in `KafkaConnect` and `KafkaMirrorMaker2` resources are deprecated and will be removed in the future. Use the additional volumes and volume mounts with pod and container templates instead to mount additional Secrets or ConfigMaps. For more information, see [Configuring additional volumes and volume mounts](#).

- [strimzi-kafka-operator #10117](#): Add support for custom Cruise Control API users

You can now set up custom REST API users for Cruise Control. Users that you configure will have access to the Cruise Control REST API. Having access to the API enables you to securely, query, monitor, or debug Cruise Control. Only the VIEWER and USER Cruise Control roles are supported. You can not create ADMIN role users. As a result, the users you set up will only be able to make GET operations. For more information, see [Accessing the Cruise Control REST API](#).

#### Apache Ranger authorization

Support for Apache Ranger authorization is introduced. You can now integrate your Kafka clusters deployed with Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator with a remote Ranger service that is running on Cloudera Private Cloud Base. If configured, the Ranger service can provide authorization for your Kafka cluster. For more information, see [Apache Ranger authorization](#).

### Replication of heartbeat records can now be turned off in the MirrorSourceConnector

A new property, `heartbeats.replication.enabled`, is introduced for the `MirrorSourceConnector`. The property controls whether heartbeats topics of a replication flow are replicated. If set to `true`, heartbeats topics identified by the replication policy will always be replicated, regardless of the topic filter configuration. If set to `false`, heartbeats topics will only be replicated if the topic filter allows.

This is a backported Kafka improvement. For additional information, see [KAFKA-17534](#).

### Performance improvements for the report.sh tool

The `report.sh` tool can now run its subprocesses in parallel and does so by default. This improves performance and results in the tool running faster. Additionally, the following three new options are introduced that make it possible to fine-tune the tool's behavior.

- `--parallel-ns`: Script can execute 'N' namespace dumps in parallel. It will be 5 by default.
- `--parallel-cluster`: Script can execute 'N' Kafka and Connect cluster dumps per namespace in parallel. It will be 3 by default.
- `--parallel-kubect`: Script can execute 'N' Kubernetes client call in parallel in a subsection. It will be 10 by default. This means the overall maximum Kubernetes client call count is equal to `parallel-ns * parallel-cluster * parallel-kubect` (so 150 with defaults).

For more information, see [Diagnostics](#).

## Fixed Issues

Learn what issues have been fixed since the previous release.

### CSMDS-805: The `kafka_shell.sh` and `connect_shell.sh` tools do not propagate command return code

The `kafka_shell.sh` and `connect_shell.sh` now propagate the return code of the last command which ran inside the shell.

## Known Issues

Learn about the known issues in this release.

### CSMDS-334: ZooKeeper pods are running but Kafka pods are not created

Under certain circumstances, ZooKeeper pods might not be able to form a quorum. In a case like this, the creation of the Kafka cluster gets stuck in a state where ZooKeeper pods are running, but Kafka pods are not created.

If you encounter this issue, at least one of the ZooKeeper pods logs a `WARN` entry similar to the following:

```
2024-02-23 18:45:00,311 WARN Unexpected exception (org.apache.zoo
keeper.server.quorum.QuorumPeer) [QuorumPeer[myid=3](plain=127.
0.0.1:12181)(secure=[0:0:0:0:0:0:0:0]:2181)]
java.lang.InterruptedException: Timeout while waiting for epoch
from quorum
    at org.apache.zookeeper.server.quorum.Leader.getEpochToPropose
(Leader.java:1443)
    at org.apache.zookeeper.server.quorum.Leader.lead(Leader.java:60
6)
    at org.apache.zookeeper.server.quorum.QuorumPeer.run(QuorumPeer.
java:1552)
```

This is caused by a race condition issue in ZooKeeper. ZooKeeper is unable to recover from this state automatically.

Delete the ZooKeeper pods that are unable to form a quorum.

```
kubectl delete pod [***ZOOKEEPER POD***] -n [***NAMESPACE***]
```

The Cluster Operator automatically recreates the ZooKeeper pods that are deleted. The newly created ZooKeeper pods are less likely to encounter the issue.

## Unsupported features

Learn what features are unsupported in this release.

The following Strimzi features are unsupported in Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator:

- Kafka MirrorMaker
- Kafka MirrorMaker 2
- Kafka Bridge
- Kafka cluster creation without using `KafkaNodePool` resources

## Component versions

A list of components and their versions shipped in this release of Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator.

**Table 1: Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator component versions**

Component	Version
Cruise Control	2.5.138.1.2.0-b54
Kafka	3.8.0.1.2.0-b54
Strimzi	0.43.0.1.2.0-b54
ZooKeeper	3.8.1.7.2.18.200-37

### Supported Kafka versions

Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator supports the following Kafka versions:

**Table 2: Supported Kafka versions**

Version	Component/Resource	Kafka Protocol version
3.8.0.1.2 (latest and default)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kafka – <code>Kafka</code> resources</li> <li>• Kafka Connect – <code>KafkaConnect</code> resources</li> </ul>	3.8
3.7.0.1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kafka – <code>Kafka</code> resources</li> <li>• Kafka Connect – <code>KafkaConnect</code> resources</li> </ul>	3.7

Kafka versions shipped in Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator are specific to Cloudera. You specify them in the `spec.version` property of cluster resources like `Kafka` and `KafkaConnect` resources.

The latest version is the current and latest supported version. This version is used by default to deploy clusters if an explicit version is not provided in your resource configuration. This version is also the version recommended by Cloudera. All other versions listed here are Kafka versions shipped in previous releases of Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator that are also supported.

The Kafka version is made up of two parts. The first three digits specify the Apache Kafka version. The digits following the Apache Kafka version specify the major and minor version of Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator. When deploying a cluster, you must use the versions listed here. Specifying upstream versions is not supported.

The Kafka protocol version is relevant for upgrades. Depending on your specific upgrade path, explicitly setting the protocol version might be necessary.

## System requirements

Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator requires a Kubernetes cluster environment that meets the following system requirements and prerequisites. Ensure that you meet these requirements, otherwise, you will not be able to install and use Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator or its components.

- A Kubernetes 1.23 or later cluster:
  - OpenShift 4.10 or later.
  - RKE2 (Rancher Kubernetes Engine 2) 1.23 or later.
- Administrative rights on the Kubernetes cluster.
- Access to kubectl or oc. These command line tools must be configured to connect to your running cluster.
- Access to helm.
- Log collection is enabled for the Kubernetes cluster. Cloudera requires that the logs of Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator components are stored long term for diagnostic and supportability purposes. Review [Log collection](#).
- A persistent storage class configured on the Kubernetes cluster that satisfies the durability and low-latency requirements for operating Kafka. The ideal storage class configuration can vary per environment and use-case and is determined by the Kubernetes platform where Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator is deployed.
- A [Prometheus](#) installation running in the same Kubernetes cluster where you install Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator is recommended. Prometheus is used for collecting and monitoring Kafka and Strimzi metrics.

## Kafka Connect plugins

Learn what Kafka Connect plugins are shipped with and supported in Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator.

### Connectors

Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator ships and supports all Kafka Connect connectors included in Apache Kafka.

The full list is as follows.

- `org.apache.kafka.connect.mirror.MirrorCheckpointConnector`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.mirror.MirrorSourceConnector`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.mirror.MirrorHeartBeatConnector`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.file.FileStreamSourceConnector`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.file.FileStreamSinkConnector`

**Note:**

Although both `FileStreamSourceConnector` and `FileStreamSinkConnector` are shipped with Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator, neither connector is installed, and you cannot deploy them by default. To deploy instances of these connectors, you must first install them as any other third-party connector. Cloudera also does not recommend that you use these connectors in production.

### Single Message Transforms plugins (transformations and predicates)

Single Message Transforms (SMT) plugins (transformations and predicates) are deployed on top of Kafka Connect connectors. They enable you to apply message transformations and filtering on a single message basis. Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator ships and supports all transformation and predicates plugins included in Apache Kafka as well as the `ConvertFromBytes` and `ConvertToBytes` plugins, which are Cloudera specific plugins.

The full list is as follows.

#### Transformations

- `com.cloudera.dim.kafka.connect.transforms.ConvertFromBytes`
- `com.cloudera.dim.kafka.connect.transforms.ConvertToBytes`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.Cast`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.DropHeaders`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.ExtractField`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.Filter`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.Flatten`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.HeaderFrom`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.HoistField`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.InsertField`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.InsertHeader`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.MaskField`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.RegexRouter`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.ReplaceField`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.SetSchemaMetadata`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.TimestampConverter`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.TimestampRouter`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.ValueToKey`

#### Predicates

- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.predicates.HasHeaderKey`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.predicates.RecordIsTombstone`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.transforms.predicates.TopicNameMatches`

### Converters

Converters can be used to transform Kafka record keys and values between bytes and a specific format. In addition to the `JsonConverter`, there are converters for most often used primitive types as well.

The full list is as follows.

- `org.apache.kafka.connect.json.JsonConverter`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.converters.ByteArrayConverter`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.converters.BooleanConverter`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.converters.DoubleConverter`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.converters.FloatConverter`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.converters.IntegerConverter`



- `org.apache.kafka.connect.converters.LongConverter`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.converters.ShortConverter`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.StringConverter`

### Header converters

Header converters can be used to transform Kafka record headers between bytes and a specific format. Cloudera Streams Messaging - Kubernetes Operator and Kafka includes a single dedicated header converter, which is the `org.apache.kafka.connect.storage.SimpleHeaderConverter`.

The `SimpleHeaderConverter` is the default header converter and is adequate for the majority of use cases. In case your headers are of a specific format, like JSON, you can use any other converter listed in the [Converters](#) on page 8 section as a header converter as well.

### Replication policies

A replication policy defines the basic rules of how topics are replicated from source to target clusters when using Kafka Connect-based replication to replicate Kafka data between Kafka clusters.

The full list is as follows.

- `org.apache.kafka.connect.mirror.DefaultReplicationPolicy`
- `org.apache.kafka.connect.mirror.IdentityReplicationPolicy`

### Related Information

[Installing Kafka Connect connector plugins](#)

[ConvertFromBytes](#)

[ConvertToBytes](#)

[Transformations | Kafka](#)

[Predicates | Kafka](#)