Notes

Polaris Community Sync Notes

- This doc has notes from previous Polaris catalog discussions and agendas for upcoming syncs
- Please add Agenda items that you'd like to discuss.
- Everyone is welcome to attend syncs. Join this Google Group to receive a notification.

2025-11-27

Agenda

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Meeting Notes

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2025-11-13

Agenda

- 1. Newcomers welcome (JB & all)
- 2. Highlights (see Meeting Notes below):
 - a. OPA Authorizer(Thanks Sung!)
 - b. MetricsReport Interface(Thanks RJ!)
 - c. NoSQL implementation PRs(Thanks Robert!)
- 3. Federated vs detached principals (Alex)
 - a. https://lists.apache.org/thread/xosrbtkvnt9d9nbrfbzvx1cr0d2jb57x
 - b. Quick recap of ML discussion: Polaris principal modes Quick recap
- 4. Polaris Console (UI) (JB)
- 5. Polaris Tools "page" on the website ? (JB)
- 6. Automated Release Workflow (Pierre, Robert)
 - a. https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/2383
- 7. Python Package Distribution & Pypi (Artur)
 - a. Dev mailing list **DISCUSSION**
 - b. To unblock the next steps, the name needed to be registered on pipy.org and necessary API tokens have to be retrieved
 - c. In progress: artifact automation: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/3036 (Jonas)
- 8. Remove label 'beta' on generic table(Yun)
- 9. MCP server update(Yufei)
 - a. PR: https://github.com/apache/polaris-tools/pull/39

Meeting Notes

- Newcomers:
 - Badrul Chowdhury
 - Looking to make code contributions! YAY!
- Highlights:
 - OPA Authorizer
 - Nice work, Sung Yun!
 - MetricsReport Interface
 - NoSQL
 - Thanks team!
 - Removed EclipseLink Persistence Backend
 - Thanks, Christopher!

- Federated v "detached principles":
 - Context:
 - Use case
 - We have a few models:
 - Native
 - Detached
 - Federated
 - We might have some different authorization models that could influence this (ABAC versus RBAC).
 - o Principles:
 - Multiple models might be confusing. Is there a way to reduce the complexity?
 - A polymorphic model might solve this.
 - This could be more akin to a "3rd subtype" rather than a different model holistically.
 - We should be able to switch from one model to another without changing the control flow.
 - Proposals:
 - #1 SCIM:
 - Notes:
 - Would require persisting the records
 - #2 Introducing the new concept of "detached principles":
 - Notes:
 - Not persisting anything
- Polaris Console (UI) (JB)
 - There's other contributors
 - o In-progress PR: https://github.com/jbonofre/polaris-tools/tree/ui
 - Update:
 - JB is doing the publish & legal check
 - Hopefully, we should have a PR next week
- Polaris Tools "page" on the website ? (JB)
 - o Ideas:
 - We should have a mailing list discussion about putting the tools on the docs site.
 - JB to start a thread.
 - Some people feel that the Hugo site is for the personas of "end users" when READMEs are more akin to "maintainers".
 - Related PR:
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/3033
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris-tools/pull/42
- Automated Release Workflow (Pierre, Robert)
 - o PR: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/2383
 - Last update:

- Plan:
 - Email for the 1.3
 - Verifying CHANGELOG check
 - Create a fake release on someone's fork.
 - The only thing that hasn't been published IRL is publishing to the Nexus repo.
- Python Package Distribution & Pypi (Jonas)
 - Current status:
 - Two things in progress:
 - New NOTICE & LICENSE
 - GitHub Action to build artifacts
 - Two artifacts:
 - SVN upload
 - PyPi publication
 - Other things:
 - Dev mailing list <u>DISCUSSION</u>
 - To unblock the next steps, the name needed to be registered on pipy.org and necessary API tokens have to be retrieved
 - In progress: artifact automation: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/3036 (Jonas)
 - Feedback:
 - ATR needs reproducible builds
 - There are some dragons here (so says Robert Stupp)
 - It would be great to have this incorporated into the release automation
 - When should we do the release with Python?
 - Should it be in 1.3 or 1.4?
 - Should it be part of main?
 - Nightly:
 - We have one to do that.
- Remove label `beta` on generic table (Yun)
 - Context:
 - Generic table has been out for 1.0, 1.1, & 1.2.
 - There are users in Slack.
 - Next Steps:
 - Yun to inform on the ML and see if there is some objections.
- MCP server update(Yufei)
 - PR: https://github.com/apache/polaris-tools/pull/39

For Next Community Sync

- 1. User Secrets management (Dmitri)
 - a. https://github.com/apache/polaris/issues/2970

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 $b. \quad \underline{https://lists.apache.org/thread/2y2vv8jrgps7s3sr241k6tgm440jzbp9}$

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- 1. Newcomers welcome (JB & all)
- 2. Highlights
 - a. 1.2.0 is out! (Thanks Prashant!)
 - b. <u>Site: Add a blog for StarRocks and Apache Polaris Integration (#2851)</u>(Thanks Wenbo!)
 - c. NoSQL: Node IDs API, SPI + general implementation (#2728) (Thanks Robert)
 - d. Add properties from TableMetadata into Table entity internalProperties (#2735) (Thanks Micheal!)
 - e. <u>Merge AwsCloudWatchConfiguration and QuarkusAwsCloudWatchConfiguration</u> (#2848) (Thanks Alex!)
 - f. <u>Use official spark image (#2899)</u> (Thanks Yong!)
 - g. Add --no-sts to CLI (#2855) (Thanks Dmitri!)
 - h. <u>Use AccessConfigProvider.getAccessConfig in DefaultFileIOFactory (#2852)</u> (Thanks Nuoya!)
 - i. Add findPrincipalByld helper (#2810) (Thanks Christopher!)
- 3. KMS support (Dmitri, Fabio, Ashok, et al)
 - a. Need to discuss handling per-catalog vs. per-table KMS settings
 - b. (long) https://lists.apache.org/thread/to7lbdw1k6dym5c6gnk1nm32vqdw24qk
 - c. https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/2802
 - d. (old) https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1424
- 4. To enable real s3 tests in github CI(Yufei & JB)
- 5. Case Insensitive Catalog (Jonas)

 - b. Example: Spark/Trino accessing the same catalog, Trino cannot find table created in spark contains upper case in its name
 - c. Challenge: Internationalization (i18n), <u>Issue</u>
 - i. Acceptable limitation?
- 6. Polaris Console (UI) (JB)
- 7. Polaris MCP server(Yufei)
 - a. Design: Polaris MCP Server
 - b. POC: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/2803
- 8. Heads-up: Version header in API responses (Dmtri)
 - a. https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/2941

- 1. Newcomers welcome (JB & all)
- 2. Recent contributions
 - a. JDBC schema evolution
 - b. Federation
 - c. CLI changes
- 3. 1.2.0-incubating release in vote (Prashant)
- 4. Supporting Dell ECS storage (Dmitri)
 - a. https://github.com/apache/polaris/issues/2743
- 5. KMS (Dmitri)
 - a. https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/2802
 - b. github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1424 (dormant)
- 6. NoSQL persistence contribution (Dmitri)
 - a. https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/2728
- 7. Data Lake operational metrics proposal (Pierre)
- 8. CLI PyPi Publication (Jonas)
 - a. Discussion and vote for package and tool name (Artur)
 - b. CLI release, PyPi publication, and nightly build (Jonas)
 - i. <u>Discussion thread</u>
- 9. Table Source proposal update and next steps (JB)
- 10. MCP server(Yufei)

Agenda

- 1. OPA based Authorization Plugin proposal (Sung)

 - b. https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/2680
- 2. 1.2.0 release prep (Prashanth)
 - a. https://github.com/apache/polaris/milestone/4
- 3. Tooling/CLI for Polaris assembly ? (JB) (from 2025-09-18)

Considering Polaris as a "platform", it's possible to "assembly" Polaris to match needs (for instance adding a new storage backend, etc). This "assembly" has to be made at build time, meaning gradle run, dependency definition, etc. The idea is to provide a tool to easily perform that, similar to ./spark-sql –package, we can have something like ./polaris-server –package or so.

- 4. Data Lake operational metrics proposal (Pierre)
- 5. JDBC schema / upgrade process (Dmitri)
- 6. Table Source proposal -> following meeting (JB)
- 7. [AR] How to make a progress on this PR if one of the reviewers is not responding?
 - a. https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/2643
- 8. [AR] Start a DEV mailing list to discuss the PythonClient renaming to make publishing polaris-python-sdk possible (initial issue https://github.com/apache/polaris/issues/2419)
 - a. https://github.com/apache/polaris/issues/2699

2025-09-18

Agenda

- 1. 1.1.0-incubating release vote completed ! JB is working on the website and announcement
- 2. 1.2.0-incubating release and "GH Action Release" try (Prashant/Pierre)
- 3. Proposals:
 - Table Source proposal, thanks again for all the comments. Thoughts about dedicating a meeting to discuss Table Source ? (Laurent/JB)
 - i. https://github.com/apache/polaris/issues/2607
 - b. Add Idempotency-Key to Polaris REST mutations proposal (Huaxin/Yufei)
 - i. https://github.com/apache/polaris/issues/2606
 - c. Data Lake operational metrics proposal (Pierre)
 - i. https://github.com/apache/polaris/issues/2608

Not discussed (out of time):

d. Tooling/CLI for Polaris assembly ? (JB)

Notes:

- Events:
 - Polaris Meetup in Seattle
 - Community over Code
 - Folks have been looking over our milestones and they are excited about what we are doing!
 - Folks have been interested in federation and others. Cloudera was interested.
- Proposals:
 - GitHub Discussions/Issues or the page on the website?
- 1.1.0-incubating release vote completed! JB is working on the website and announcement
- 1.2.0-incubating release and "GH Action Release" try (Prashant/Pierre)
 - There are several issues with no movement. Example: DynamoDB
 - We are removing milestones of any issues with no movement.
 - Things going in:
 - Iceberg 1.10.0 version bump
 - Trying the GH Action Release
 - Suggest to work with Pierre as this will move us closer to auto-release.
 - Publishing the Polaris Python Client, https://github.com/apache/polaris/issues/2419

- Some release ideas:
 - There are some changes coming from ASF which will require we uplift our release process.
- Proposals:
 - Table Source proposal, thanks again for all the comments. Thoughts about dedicating a meeting to discuss Table Source ? (Laurent/JB)
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/issues/2607
 - Dedicated meeting next week (w/c 2025/09/22).
 - Laurent & JB will work on the proposal & iterate on the comments.
 - Add Idempotency-Key to Polaris REST mutations proposal (Huaxin)
 - References:
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/issues/2606
 - E Polaris REST Idempotency Key Proposal
 - Elceberg REST Catalog Idempotency
 - Ideas on how to move forward:
 - #1 Split OpenAPI changes versus implementation
 - #2 Dedicated meeting to chat about it (JB)
 - Feedback:
 - Seems like a useful feature!

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- Questions:
 - What is the relationship between Iceberg & Polaris here?
 - We want to do Iceberg first to get a standard, then each client can do the implementation.
 - We might not need to wait for Iceberg.
- Data Lake operational metrics proposal (Pierre)
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/issues/2608
 - Iterating on a second proposal about external services.

2025-09-04

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- 1. 1.1.0-incubating release vote (and ITest failure) (JB)
- 2. Event API: nice progress ! (Adnan)
- 3. Table Source proposal: thanks a lot for all comments/questions. Proposing a dedicated meeting to chat about the proposal in order to:
 - a. Chat about comments/questions
 - b. How to "consolidate" between General Table and Table Source (and maybe design Table Source as improvement on Generic Table)

2025-08-28

Agenda

- 1.1.0-incubating release (PR to fix LICENSE/NOTICE in distribution and docker on the way) (JB)
- Event API moving forward (merge the PRs asap) (Adnan/JB)
- Polaris Table Source proposal (Laurent/JB)
 - https://lists.apache.org/thread/9f5b75fy25l9yzrtnlzgg6yh1bgdyibt
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OBDkPbWdf0Bq6Wa_BMKaXn-fqAxfdmep o57qqkkC8ml/edit?usp=sharinq
- S3 remote signing: https://lists.apache.org/thread/xpf60ko823c7mlg5bhnddq3btvdsq5s1 (Alex)
- New API to reset Principal Client id/credential: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/2197 (Yufei)

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- 1.1.0-incubating release (JB)
 - o In-progress, but need a fix
 - What about the release automation? Are we using those scripts?
 - Right now, this release doesn't use the full scripts, but we are using this release to inform the automation.
 - This release is more "semi-automated."
 - The goal would be to have 1.2.0 as the "automated release."
- Event API (Adnan / JB):
 - o **@Community** Please look at the open PRs, so we can make progress.
 - Can move forward to unblock and fix followups after.
- S3 Remote Signing (Alex)
- Table Source (Laurent & JB):
 - Polaris Table Source and Common Table API
- Reset Principal Client ID / Credentials (Yufei):
 - o ?

2025-08-21

- SPI / code evolution (added by Dmitri; many ppl participated so far)
 - Previous consensus:
 - https://polaris.apache.org/in-dev/unreleased/evolution/
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1890
 - Discussions:
 - https://lists.apache.org/thread/93yomt0ps8gzb63pphmksf1d6zwk877l
 - https://lists.apache.org/thread/18rdfzwj5sx3nvftgcr3kx1clk9mjv2m
- Tasks / CallContext / CDI / Recoverability (added by Dmitri; many people are involved)
 - Discussion: https://lists.apache.org/thread/9pgvhr9btfgzofbm6qhyfyqnk62hzp4m
 - Related discussion: https://lists.apache.org/thread/18rdfzwj5sx3nvftgcr3kx1clk9mjv2m

2025-08-07

- HMS Federation support (Pooja)
 - https://lists.apache.org/thread/5qktiv6rzd8pghcl6f4oohko798o2p2g
- Events API (Robert)
 - Ref: https://lists.apache.org/thread/s5y24967tyknghnsj7ktwkcxblt1xckc
- "Async & Reliable Tasks" [1] and "Delegation Service" [2] (Robert, William) next steps
 - o [1] https://lists.apache.org/thread/gg0kn89vmblmjgllxn7jkn8ky2k28f5l
 - [2] https://lists.apache.org/thread/ph10th4ocjczpf5gz17mqys4fkp5qrzw
 - Ref: https://lists.apache.org/thread/2q760b440qst3f7m8yk3kwcz75jfypo0

2025-07-24

Groundrule (reminder)

- The meeting is open to anyone
- The meeting is recorded and shared late on the dev mailing list and Apache Polaris website (public).
- No decision happens during this meeting, only discussion. The decisions happen on the dev mailing list.
- Please, raise your hand (on Google Meet) to speak, JB is moderating.
- Please, it's one hour meeting (strict), so try to be concise and know that your topic can be moved to the next meeting

Agenda

- 1.0.1-incubating and 1.1.0-incubating releases (JB)
- Introduction & Small demo: Polaris custom metadata objects and sync extension. (Carl & Andreas)
- "Async & Reliable Tasks" [1] and "Delegation Service Discussion" [2] (Robert, William)
 - [1] https://lists.apache.org/thread/gg0kn89vmblmjgllxn7jkn8ky2k28f5l (May 9)
 - o [2] https://lists.apache.org/thread/ph10th4ocjczpf5gz17mgys4fkp5grzw (Jun 23)
- Data protection "CRUD" (Robert)
 - Managing fine grained, row/column level filtering/protection/transformation/masking rules

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- Custom Metadata Objects:
 - Questions:
 - How does this interface with UDFs?
 - The goal is to have an extensible model for every object rather than just UDFs.
 - UDFs are eventually coming to Iceberg.
 - Did we handle AuthZ?
 - Experimented with it.
 - What are the next steps?
 - No current plans to merge into Polaris right now, but if this is interesting to the community, then we can move forward.
 - We can help with the proposal and engage with the community.
- "Async & Reliable Tasks" [1] and "Delegation Service Discussion"
 - Previous proposal (Polaris Asynchronous & Reliable Tasks) on May 9th
 - Delegation Service is proposed for the same thing.
 - An external service
 - Proposal: ☐ Polaris Delegation Service Proposal
 - Differences:

- Delegation Service is external
 - This could help with load issues around long-running tasks.

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- o Commonalities:
 - Asynchronous task executions
- O Where can we start?
- Can integrate together:
 - On 10.2
- Data protection "CRUD" (Robert)
 - How is FGAC going?
 - We have some consensus on the high-level proposal on the Iceberg Community.
 - Next Steps:
 - Wait for Iceberg Community on the API

2025-07-10 (Recording)

Agenda

- Yay Polaris 1.0! (Adam)
- 1.1 Release: (Adam)
 - Who wants to be the release manager?
 - What enhancements do we want to target?
 - MinIO Support -> Several users have asked for it.
 - What should be timing?
- MinIO
- Release Automation (Adam)
- NoSQL Discussion

Notes

- Yay Polaris 1.0!
 - Things were wrapped up yesterday.
 - Updated the download page with release notes.
 - o Downloads are available
 - o Docs are published
 - Mark is writing up the external IDP docs right now. There's a PR out.
 - Docker image is missing right now.
 - Yufei will jump on this.
 - THANKS EVERYONE! 🎇
- 1.1 Release
 - Still need a release manager
 - That person can drive the scope & feature set, etc.
 - Create some tags & some issues that might be in the release
 - Time-based releases versus feature-scoped release:
 - Time-based:
 - We would want automation to make this happen.
 - It's a stretch to do monthly without automation.
 - Tentatively monthly, but we will need someone to volunteer. :)
 - Send out the email to ask for volunteers
 - For semantic versioning, we can decide when to make the release as we get closer.
- Release Automation:
 - o Robert had opened up a PR: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/485
 - Pierre is looking at this.
 - Issue filed: https://github.com/apache/polaris/issues/2017
- Supporting STS-Supported, S3-Compatible Object Stores (like MinIO)
 - o Most of the stuff is merged or in review
 - CLI options TBD

- One more PR TBD for allowing different endpoints for clients and Polaris (for odd networking cases)
- Remaining issues:
 - Path style access
 - CLI adds
- Post-merges we can write examples in the documentation.
- What about non-STS-supported S3-compatible stores?
 - We don't want to block that for a future extension later.
 - Right now, we are heavily-reliant on STS sessions.
- Is there a shareable abstraction with secrets management that we can leverage?
 - A lot of this infra will be required if we are going to support non-STS-supported S3-compatible stores.
 - Is this required for multitenancy?
 - Yes depending on how you deploy.
- MinIO supports an auth style of zero trust
 - Similar to OIDC roles, private/publickey flow
 - https://min.io/docs/minio/linux/developers/security-token-service/AssumeRoleWithWebIdentity.html
- NoSQL Meeting
 - 0 7/17
 - Persistence in Apache Polaris
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1189
 - o It would help to read the doc & play around with the PR.
 - Meeting
 - We will do some discussion around the higher-level
 - More modules: less code-level
 - It would be helpful to explain the difference from JDBC backends
 - Definitely
 - JDBC Context:
 - Two major interfaces we are building off of:
 - Implements the BasePeristenceAPI
 - PolarisMetastoreAPI
 - User scenarios:
 - The user can use different backends if they want.
 - This begs having one-ish interface to extend for multiple persistence layers.

2025-06-26

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- Introduction & Invite first time attendees to introduce themselves and share if they want to talk about a specific topic (5mn)
- Themes
 - Governance
 - 1.0 release (Yufei)
 - Persistence
 - Pagination (Dmitri, Robert, Eric)
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1555
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1838
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1938
 - Events followup (Adnan)
 - Heads up: NoSQL Persistence reviews incoming (Dmitri)
 - Draft: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1189
 - https://lists.apache.org/thread/s1v7svrbvq7y4gt3lm88y79td58o644
 - Security
 - FGAC options (Prashant, Robert)
 - Sources
 - Support Apache Hudi in Polaris (Rahil)
- Open discussion
- 1.0 Release:
 - Trying to not bring in the python items at this moment to not jeopardize the release.
 - Publishing Helm Charts When do we publish them?
 - We are going to release helm charts along with our Polaris release.
 - The Helm Chart version will be the same as the Polaris version.
 - Docker image will have the same version as well.
 - Open items:
 - What do we do about the index file?
 - @Yufei is figuring out
 - Right now, 0.10 release was mimicking what we did for Airflow. 1.0 release uses the Helm package, which works well with the Helm ecosystem.
 - @Community Feel free to share your thoughts on this. :)
 - License Notice Issue on Spark Client:
 - The license on the root is the proper one for the Spark Client for 1.0 Release.
 - The right one is extracted for 1.0.
 - We have two licenses in the JAR and it's not deterministic.
 - Solutions for 1.0:

- Is excluding the dependency license a 1.0 blocker?
 - Will this be a problem for incubating approval?
 - This could be long for the review cycle.
 - We provide the right one and it is in the JAR.
- Legally, the license in the JAR extracted works.
 - But, the JAR has two licenses.
- Fixing this would be guick, but it would require another RC.
 - Total +3-4ish days if everything goes well
 - Lots of users want the 1.0 release.
- Risk would be like ~6ish days if we run into problems with the Incubator.
- Options:
 - [Chosen] #1 We could have the same vote window for the RC2 & amended RC2
 - We could reduce the voting period for the exclusion of licenses PR.
 - Do "as soon as I have 3 binding votes"
 - o @Community Check on RC2
 - o @Yufei Tell folks the decision
 - o @Russell Write up the PR for the License Exclusion
 - #2 Take the risk
- Cherry-pick not applied:
 - 1695 <- Minor CI change
 - Not in the 1.0 branch
- Next Release:
 - Staging Docker Image might be nice
 - This is not a blocker for 1.0.
 - It would be great for the image release to be automatic.
 - We can update the Release instructions.
- Cl Changes:
 - You should not be able to push directly on the main branch. You must have a PR now.
 - If concerns:
 - We could define a regex to do this for other branches if we want to.
 - Right now, we decided not to because this allows the Release Manager to do small updates if needed for the release.
 - Cherry-pick norms:
 - Do we have a requirement for PRs for the cherry-picks?
 - Right now, you can directly merge.

2025-06-12

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Agenda

- Introduction & Invite first time attendees to introduce themselves and share if they want to talk about a specific topic (5mn)
- Highlights (5mn) (JB)
 - Welcome Yun as new committer!
 - Spark plugin/client supporting Delta (thanks Yun!)
 - o Improvement on JDBC persistence (PreparedStatement) (thanks Prashant!)
 - Thanks everyone for your hard work in the 1.0 prep!
- Themes
 - Governance
 - 1.0 release (after 0.10 skip) Sync-up (10mn) (JB)
 - Nightly docker images (JB)
 - Runtime/Framework
 - Injecting RealmContext (Dmitri)
 - Persistence
 - Event schema and proposal (Adnan)
 - o Tool
 - Maven/Gradle runner (Pierre)
- Open discussion

Notes

- Skipped 0.10:
 - There was difficulty in understanding when to ship the JDBC persistence work.
- 1.0 Release:
 - Renaming won't be a blocker for 1.0.
 - When should this be done or should this be done?
 - Work details:
 - Artifact names are important. Rename affects Maven artifacts.
 - Names of the server artifacts change.
 - Timing:
 - If we don't do it now, we probably need to reconsider it in a different major version given the effect on Maven artifacts.
 - @Community Please reply to the thread on the dev mailing list.
 - @JB will work on the PR.
 - Notes:
 - If we decide to move forward with the rename, we should go quickly with the PR approval to not deal with several merge conflicts.
 - 1 PR on the Spark Plugin as being listed as a blocker

- https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1857
- ^ affects Spark's ability to download the plugin automatically from Maven
- @Community Please review the documentation page as it will be important for our users who are on 0.X versions.
 - Apache Polaris 1
- Generic Tables:
 - Problem:
 - The current Generic Tables spec is only in the YAML file. This could be problematic for users.
 - Potential Solution:
 - #1 We could put this in the documentation page.
 - @Yun Working on one of the docs to handle the documentation of this feature.
 - @Yun Create an issue to track this documentation work.
 - #2 We could put this as an experimental feature.
- Nightly Docker Images:
 - @Community Can we review @JB's work on the nightly builds?
 - Work:
 - JB has been working on getting nightly builds.
 - Two docker image repos:
 - Polaris Server
 - Polaris Admin Tool
- Some folks did a bug bash on 1.0:
 - Tag: 1.0.0.
- Release Process Feedback:
 - From an incubator perspective, anyone should be able to do a Release.
 - It helps verify the Release guide is fine.
 - The idea is to do a release every month or so.
 - Did we want to do a semi-automated release?
 - Yes, eventually.
 - This will eliminate a lot of the manual work in the release guide.
 - Release Manager:
 - @Yufei will be the release manager for 1.0 with assistance from @JB
 - We will need good transparency around who should drive the release.
 - When the release is going to happen
 - What is in the release
 - Release Candidates
 - Expect that we have some release candidates cancelled.
 - This is normal and, generally, good because folks are paying attention.
 - Next Steps:
 - @Community Look at the document & dev mailing list.

- 1.1 Release:
 - Given we are going monthly, we should get another Release Manager relatively soon.
- Injecting RealmContext:
 - Background:
 - This only concerns the internal code structure (not consumer-facing).
 - Realms are not part of the API.
 - Realms generally come from the header.
 - This would not be for 1.0 since it is not "externally-facing."
 - o Proposal: Refactor for classes to inject the RealmContext by leveraging CDI.
 - Details:
 - Realm is request scoped.
 - Pros:
 - "Simplifies the codebase."
 - Cons:

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- Factors:
 - We have agreed that we want to move to CDI.
 - We have yet to agree when to use CDI versus method parameters.
- Compatibility Discussions:
 - The "not externally-facing" comment begs the question: "What are the compatibility requirements for our consumers? What about consumers that are leveraging the Java interfaces rather than REST APIs?"
 - Definitely, we have to have backwards compatibility for REST APIs.
 - What are our public interfaces?
 - Polaris Core Library was discussed previously, however we can change this if the community believes differently.
 - We need an expectation around what consumers can expect for compatibility.
 - If we are changing major interfaces, this could have downstream impacts for our consumers who are using the code directly rather than through REST APIs.
 - We COULD mark Java libraries in the future as public.
 - This strikes at the "is Polaris a server or a library" discussion.

- @Dmitri Start the discussion around the compatibility expectations.
 - Write a document about compatibility
 - Start a PR.
 - Idea:
 - Primarily API
 - Use at your own risk for non-REST-API integrations
- Event schema and proposal

- Iceberg versus Polaris events:
 - Iceberg events:
 - There is a proposal in Iceberg about events as well. This seems to be moving.
 - The Iceberg event seems to be moving more towards a flexible string that can be filled in by individual providers.
 - Polaris events:
 - The proposal right now is building persistence to store Polaris events that might be able to power Iceberg events API later.
 - This might be a bit tough since the data model and query patterns are nailed down in the Iceberg Events API, so it could be difficult.
- @Community Look at the document and work together on the proposal.
- Maven/Gradle Runner in the Polaris Tools:
 - o Background:
 - AppRunner is a set of plugins to start & stop Polaris servers.
 - The proposal seems a bit blocked because:
 - "Do we want to provide Polaris users to start & stop Polaris servers for Integration tests?"
 - Probably yes
 - There were issues in other projects where consumers weren't able to use TestContainers.
 - The AppRunner project saves time compared to TestContainers.
 - Can skip the time to build a Docker image and use Quarkus instead.
 - This saves significant time in CI.
 - There are a non-zero number of corporations who can't use Docker.

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- Other options:
 - TestContainer
 - <2 other options in the mailing list>
 - Gradle exit fork step?
- Questions:
 - How does this interface with Docker?

Agenda

- 0.10 release update (JB)
- KMS support https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1424
 - o Slack:

https://apache-polaris.slack.com/archives/C084XDM50CB/p1746546869309429

- JDBC announcement
- Config breakage with PR#1572 (Dmitri)
- Create a single binary distribution PR (Yufei)

NB: May 1st is holiday in most European countries (Labor Day), we might have have low attendance from this side of the pond \bigcirc

- Introduction & Invite first time attendees to introduce themselves and share if they want to talk about a specific topic (5mn)
- Highlights (5mn)
 - New JDBC update (thanks prashant.singh@snowflake.com!)
 - Cleanup related to Iceberg 1.8 upgrade (thanks eric.maynard@snowflake.com!)
 - o Improvements on the Spark client (thanks yunzou.colostate@gmail.com!)
 - o Improvements on the quickstart guide (thanks adnan.hemani@snowflake.com!)
 - Upgrade to Apache Iceberg 1.9 (thanks alex.dutra@dremio.com!)
 - Policy store is near completion. (Thanks Jonas!)
- Themes
 - Podling governance
 - New RC on 0.10 release as soon as 1493 will be merged
 - 1.0 release, by the end of 3rd week of May.
 - Persistence (10mn)
 - Update about JDBC/Realms storage (Prashant)
 - Option 1, one realm per database
 - Option 2, multiple realms in one database
 - Option 3, mixed model? Migration is tricky.
 - Action items:
 - Document well 3 options, and Polaris Admin responsibility for migration
 - Credential Vending (Policy used for vending permission expansion)
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1424
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1391
 - non-AWS S3 support
 - Old PR is closed: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/389
 - Many thanks to https://github.com/lefebsy for pushing that forward for many months.
 - Started new gradual work towards that goal:
 - Step 1: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1504
 - Let's sync up on the "breaking changes" concern
 - 1.0 blocker(Yufei), Apache Polaris 1.0 Release Blockers
- Open discussions

2025-04-17

- Introduction & Invite first time attendees to introduce themselves and share if they want to talk about a specific topic (5mn) (Jean-Baptiste Onofré)
- Highlights (5mn) (Jean-Baptiste Onofré)
 - Catalog migrator has been merged to polaris-tools (thanks Ajantha Bhat!)
 - o Benchmark tool has been merged to polaris-tools (thanks Pierre!)
 - <u>Properly track bootstrappedRealms in</u>
 <u>InMemoryPolarisMetaStoreManagerFactory</u> (thanks dmitri.bourlatchkov@dremio.com!)
 - Add Namespaces and View support for SparkCatalog (thanks yunzou.colostate@gmail.com!)
 - Several prep steps on gradle for the release (thanks snazy@snazy.de!)
 - Moving forward on PolicyCatalog implementation (thanks Yufei!)
- Themes
 - Podling governance (5mn)
 - Nightly build & SNAPSHOTs published (Jean-Baptiste Onofré)
 - 0.10.0-beta-incubating release is in prep, vote will start very soon (if not yet done) (JB)
 - Persistence (10mn)
 - Update about JDBC/Realms storage (Prashant)
 - Security and Data Governance (10mn)
 - Polaris Federated Principals and Roles (michael.collado@snowflake.com)
 - E Adding Federated User and Role Support in Polaris
 - Secret Management for Catalog Federation (dennis.huo@snowflake.com)
 - E Apache Polaris Secrets Management for Catalog Federation
 - https://lists.apache.org/thread/slpvcqzvcg0by5o7kwx36l6rkho2351
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 - Event listener interface, related to Iceberg event endpoint proposal (Andrew)
 - Observe API proposal (Jean-Baptiste Onofré)
 - Catalogs Integration (10mn)
 - XTable Integration (Rahil, Vinish)
 - Polaris Table Conversion Interface
 - E Table Conversion Flows in Polaris with XTable
 - Catalog Federation MVP (Dennis)
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1305
 - UX and Onboarding (3mn)

- Proposal for users onboarding and Polaris UI (Jean-Baptiste Onofré)
- o Polaris Tools (3mn)
 - Benchmark tool, next steps (Pierre)
 - Catalog migrator (Ajantha Bhat and @mansehaj.singh)
- Open discussion (5mn) (NB: details should not be discussed here, mailing list is more appropriate)

2025-04-03

Agenda

NB: we give priority on the agenda to people joining for the first time. (From 2025-03-20)

- XTable for TableConverter component in Polaris catalog. (Rahil, Eric, Vinish)
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gHM9Qco83EFTTAfByyN3hYLLCghuackL5ogC2T1M074/edit?usp=sharing
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eZQbwgAx1wzjlYtLldGg8lKQyw7uR-zN50efJ-Hi5XE/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.xjibr7sfbv6a

Highlights

- 1. Etag was added #1296, thanks Mansehaj, Eric, Dennis!
- 2. Upgrade Iceberg to 1.8.1 (#1126), thanks Liam!
- 3. Generic table, thanks Yun, Eric!
 - 1. Core: Add Endpoints and resource paths for Generic Table (#1286)
 - 2. Spark: Setup repository code structure and build (#1190)
 - 3. Implement service interfaces for policies & generic tables (#1263)
 - 4. Implement GenericTableCatalog (#1231)
- 4. Policy Validator (#1261), thanks Yufei!
- 5. Policy mapping persistence #1104, thanks Jonas!
- 6. Add License and Notice for module Admin and Server (#1258), thanks JB!
- 7. Add BOM (Bill of Materials) (#1216), thanks Robert!
- 8. Doc: catalog bootstrap steps for helm deployment (#1243), thanks MonkeyCanCode!
- 9. API Spec: Add ConnectionConfigInfo to ExternalCatalog (#1026), thanks Dennis!

- Fix on .asf.yaml and 0.9.0 documentation published on website (JB)
- 0.10.0/1.0.0-preview1 release proposal (JB)
- Please last review round on Policy Management (https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1104) (Jonas)
 - Okay to go ahead and merge these changes. We will update the implementation as needed in future when we add support for NoSQL databases.
- Federation and ConnectionConfig spec (Dennis): https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1026
 - Current plan to further reduce scope of MVP from feedback in proposal
 - Key decision to make: Whether to support specifying ConnectionConfig with secrets inline during catalog creation or to introduce a completely new entity type just for secrets
 - The latter could still be reconciled with the former in the future if we embrace a first-class concept of sub-entity objects that can either be nested "inline" or be defined separately for reuse
 - Concerns about having secrets within the same interface
- Polaris Management REST API (Robert)
 - Security concerns (secrets)
 - API needs to be changed, having concrete operations, not persistence-oriented CRUD
- Persistence improvement update (Dennis, Robert, Prashant)
 - JDBC implementation for NonTransactional persistence (Prashant) :
 - replace the properties / internal properties columns from TEXT to JSONB type
 - Unsafe casting to Integration persistence in AtomicOperationMetaStoreManager do we need another interface that wraps BasePersistence & Integration persistence or do we need to separate this out ? (in scope for 1.0 ?)
 - Better alternative of ID generator in SQL impl
 - TODO's of AtomicOperationMetaStoreManager (in scope for 1.0?)
 - Update since last sync (Dennis) AtomicOperationMetaStoreManager with BasePersistence is merged and passes tests including concurrency tests. Small set of documented "shortcomings" related to needing garbage collection in failure scenarios, some operations being non-atomic but retriable (e.g. bootstrap)
- Benchmarks (what Pierre's doing;)) (Robert)
 - Current goals
 - Mid/long term goals
- Catalog REST API / compatibility (Robert)
 - o REST spec service separation and dependency (Yun, Jonas)

- Board report (https://cwiki.apache.org/confluence/display/INCUBATOR/March2025) (JB)
- 0.9.0 release on website and announcement (JB)
- Starting 1.0.0 release prep LICENSE/NOTICE, ... for binary distributions (JB)
- PR states "Ready for review" vs "Draft" (Robert)
- Persistence improvement Working on it, too early to share much details (JB/Robert/Dmitri/Dennis)
- Discuss the intended use of behaviour config: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1124 (Dmitri/Eric)
- Policy Store: Adding New Persistence (PolicyMappingRecord) Alongside Persistence Refactoring (Jonas)
 - Feel free to put any persistence refactoring topic before this
 - PolicyMappingRecord Persistence Implementation
- Proposal to Separate Polaris Entities(Yufei)
- Federation and ConnectionConfig spec (Dennis): https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1026
 - o Current plan to further reduce scope of MVP from feedback in proposal

- <u>0.9.0 rc6 vote</u> (JB)
- Apache Polaris Roadmap discussion (all)
 - Update the table with the legend that shows whats proposed, whats planned and whats already available instead of just having an 'X'.
- <u>SQL/NoSQL persistence improvement update</u> (Dennis, JB, Yufei)
- Catalog Migrator landing (JB)
- Foreign table support Foreign Table Support in Polaris (Yun Zou, Eric Maynard)
- Catalog Federation ConnectionConfigInfo spec (Dennis)
 - o https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/1026
- Open discussions ...

- Incubator/Board report Please review
- <u>0.9.0 rc5 vote</u> (JB)
- <u>Contributing guide</u> has been updated with "good practices". Still looking for consensus about renovatebot (see <u>PR</u>). (JB)
- Consensus to promote Slack as "main" chat service (JB)
 - Caveat: no "decisions" in slack those have to be in GH PRs/Issues or dev ML, I think (Dmitri) - <u>Dev ML Discussion</u>
- Stabilize runtime
 - o Better situation, thanks all (and new users :)
 - New pass on the documentation (JB)
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/issues/891
 - Consider adding more pointers to the main README, make it easy to find for example quarkus/defaults/src/main/resources/application.properties
 - Proposal PR with "polaris external" end-users configuration (JB)
 - We should also break out a more "production-ready" config file with clear comments about differences (authenticators, in-memory vs eclipselink persistence, storage types, etc)
- Persistence backend support
 - Design proposals shared on the dev mailing list (Dennis/JB/Jack)
 - Scheduling a meeting to discuss this topic (Dennis/JB/Jack)
- Policy Management in Apache Polaris (Yufei)
 - Policy management APIs PR: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/808
 - New policy schema: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/945
- Bootstrapping CLI
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/940
 - o File format concerns?
 - Do we want to keep supporting secret auto-generation as the main bootstrapping use case?
- Open discussions ...

2025-01-23

- 0.9.0 rc4 is on vote (after LICENSE/NOTICE and TestPolarisVersion fixes): https://lists.apache.org/thread/bftf3v1jmotossgk38qnf5b9mfvzf193
 - JB will add "check release and release process" on the website
- Collaboration "good practices"
 - It seems we have some consensus (https://lists.apache.org/thread/zjymolgcxdjylm5jvnhcwll5fjpwv1sd)
 - JB will add "good practices" to the Contributing Guide on the website: https://polaris.apache.org/community/contributing-guidelines/
- E Policy Management in Apache Polaris (Yufei)
 - o Policy management APIs PR: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/808
- E Apache Polaris Catalog Federation Proposal (Dennis)
- Runtime "stability" (top priority needs ?)
 - Making sure at least the main getting-started flow works flawlessly out of the box (i.e. prioritize main README in conjunction with any changes to build/run/test processes)
 - o Doc PRs
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/845, reviewed, merged
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/831, reviewed, merged.
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/836, reviewed, merged.
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/841, reviewing. This is an important one. It looks good to me overall. Will sync with Eric and do another round of review, plan to merge it today.
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/846, reviewing by Eric
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/842, waiting for review.
- Data model discussion
 - Three experiments
 - JDBC (JB)
 - Mongo (Robert)
 - DynamoDB (Jack)
 - Preparing problem statement and proposal (following Dmitri's message)
 - Mike to finish Decomposition of PolarisMetaStoreManager interface

2025-01-09

Agenda

- 0.9.0 rc2 is on vote, please take a look and vote (https://lists.apache.org/thread/cp2jprrqz78phfkyqzv0gvng3jpl7skj)
 - JB will send "instructions" to check releases and "release process"
- Enhanced Polaris runtime: https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/469 please review
- TMS

(https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pd_mzZcfvnUvcH98lbwslYf4eryet1lQDfclKYx-t-M/edit?usp=sharing) - new update on the doc, please do a new pass

- New design doc: Policy Management in Apache Polaris
- E Apache Polaris Catalog Federation Proposal
 - Dennis: setup separate, dedicated community meeting for this topic -> JB will help in the logistics (scheduling the meeting, etc)
- Creating JDBC/RDBMS and Mongo issues targeted to 1.0.0 milestone

2024-12-12

- 0.9.0 release update (JB)
 - NOTICE has been updated (https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/473)
 - Fixed the non-ASF compliant transitive dependencies (in the binary distribution) (https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/519)
 - Fix LICENSE (for both source and binary distributions) in progress (https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/495)
 - o 0.9.0 rc2 will be in vote just after #495
 - Include NOTICE + LICENSE* files in binary distributions (as a "static web resource") (<-- JB)
- E Apache Polaris Catalog Federation Proposal
 - o Dennis: setup separate, dedicated community meeting for this topic
- Enhanced Polaris runtime (e.g. Polaris powered by Quarkus) (JB)
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C7E0ma6OvHGvWMJIZVkQHBsvPg8Pe9 aroDtQ_79SIXY/edit?usp=sharing (JB)
 - https://github.com/apache/polaris/pull/469 (Alex)
- TMS
 - (https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pd_mzZcfvnUvcH98IbwsIYf4eryet1IQDfclKYx-t-M/edit?usp=sharing) (Yufei)
- Federated Identities (Adding Federated User and Role Support in Polaris) (Mike)
- Unstructured Data Support in Polaris (Yufei)

2024-11-14

Agenda

- 0.9.0 release update (JB)
 - Dist space has been created and KEYS uploaded
 - o Checks are done
 - o Build is OK
 - o JB will publish the artifacts and will start the vote
- Polaris powered by Quarkus
 - Rebase in progress (JB) (change on metaStoreManagerFactory, etc)

Create draft PR for Quarkus

- o JB & Michael will sync-up to identify the gaps and next steps
- TMS Proposal (Yufei)
 - Community meeting happened where we had good discussion about the proposal
- Storage proposal (Robert)
 - Document

2024-10-31

NOTE: Calendar event updated to https://calendar.app.google/Gxg7o5CxZoD8Dh5G9

Agenda

- 0.9.0 release (JB/Russell)
 - Primarily source-only
 - No docker artifacts yet due to additional requirements for dockerhub
 - Publish to ghcr (Github container registry)
 - Optionally we can publish jarfiles to maven central have the Nexus config
 - o JB Promises we will completely automate releases forever:) (crap:))
- Note: Automated Release in a nutshell
 - Github workflow to stage artifacts (incl Git tag dance)
 - Send vote email (plus incubation vote email)
 - Github workflow to release (incl Git tag dance)
 - Send announcement email
- Polaris powered by Quarkus (JB/Alex/Dmitri)
 - Having a default store other than in-memory
 - Quarkus plugins for external IdP
 - Benefits
 - Performance, native apps
 - Dependency injection instead of yaml, you just add a library and annotate and done
 - NOT shipped with 0.9.0, will go to Polaris in 1.x
 - Users should be able to use RDMS, like postgres with Polaris out of box.
- Table Maintenance Service proposal (Yufei)
- Federation Proposal for Older Iceberg Catalogs from Revolut

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Action Items

- Send community sync invite cleanly
 - Russell Spitzer Figure out how to set things up better
 - Robert: update web site (PR) (done)
- Quarkus
 - Create a draft PR renaming polaris-service-quarkus as polaris-service, cleanup the dependency and give a "diff" view

2024-10-17

- 1.0.0 Release
 - First do a Triage on Github Issues
 - Release process / automation mentioned (<u>WIP branch</u>)
 - o Or 0.1.0? General Consensus we do a 1.0 a little bit (0.9)
 - o Token Endpoint Try to make sure we have support for other use cases
 - Semantic Versioning Consensus in support
 - Start doing Version Branches
 - To allow for patching released versions
 - Do we want to do long term support versions?
 - It is an OSS project so anyone could fork on the branch they want
- Roadmap Worked on Now
 - Table Maintenance API (Yufei)
 - Making more interoperable between systems, express intentions, etc
 - "Guarded" by AuthZ of the catalog
 - Storage layer (pluggable) (JB, Robert)
 - Allowing non-eclipselink storage systems. NoSql for example
 - OAuth2 for clients (Dmitri & Alex)
 - With potential token exchange
 - Related to Iceberg's [DISCUSS] REST: OAuth2 Authentication Guide-Apache Mail Archives
 - Related to Quarkus (Q* enables a lot of auth stuff OOTB)
 - "Catalog content authorization" pluggable ? (Dmitri)
 - Generalize to AuthZ (RBAC being a sub-case)?
 - Augmentation vs replacement (e.g. "additional" attribute-based rules on top of RBAC) (Dennis) - How general do we want to go (e.g. CEL rules)
 - Optimizations (Dennis)
 - Eliminating redundant round-trips to persistence layer
 - Caching metadata JSON in persistence store to avoid object-store round trips
 - Runtime (quarkus) (JB + Alex)
 - Getting started guide #319 (Kevin)
 - Consolidation of "Notifications API" and external tables with core Iceberg spec (Dennis)
 - Relates to broader catalog federation as well
- Roadmap Unplanned
 - Data lineage (Yufei)
 - Integration w/ OpenLineage (Yufei, JB)
 - HDFS Support (Yufei)
 - Generic Hadoop FileSystem interface fallthrough has pros/cons
 - Server-side planning(Yufei)

- Need more use cases to justify this feature
- Identity and Role federation (Dennis, JB)
- Unstructured data (Dennis)
- Fine-grained (row/column/partition-level access control) (Dennis)
 - Relates to trusted engines, pluggable policy delegation/federation
- Other Table Format Support
- HMS migration tool(Yufei)
- Non-REST Iceberg Catalog Wrapping
- Terraform support
- Kubernetes Operator (Alex)
- IAM auth
 - AWS API Gateway terraform
 - Hand off from API Gateway to Polaris

Notes:

• JB will setup a new (recorded) recurring meeting and send out a (new) invite (thanks JB!)