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# Heartbeat

CHANNEL `wss://ws.kraken.com/v2` `heartbeat`

The `heartbeat` channel provides a mechanism to verify that the connection is alive.

Heartbeat messages are sent approximately once every second **in the absence of any other channel updates**.

There is no option to directly request a `heartbeat` subscription, the heartbeats will be automatically generated on subscription to any channel.

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## Update Response

The channel name is the indicator of a heartbeat, here is no other data in the heartbeat payload.

Update Response      Example

### MESSAGE BODY

— `channel` string

`heartbeat`