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Objectives:

1. To understand persistent and non-persistent HTTP connections and corresponding performance impact.

Procedure:

- 1. Create a web page with N (eg. 10) embedded images. Each image should be of minimum 2MB size. Configure your browser (Firefox) with the following settings. (Each setting requires repeat of experiment)
 - a. Non-persistent Connection
 - b. 2 persistent Connections
 - c. 4 persistent Connections
 - d. 6 persistent Connections
 - e. 8 persistent Connections
 - f. 10 persistent Connections
- 2. Note the time taken to display the entire page in each setting and ensure **cache is cleared** before starting the web request.

Step 1: Setting up the Apache Server

Ensure that the apache2 server package is installed by using the command:

sudo <package manager> install apache2

Now to check if the server is running, use the following command if using a machine with systemd:

sudo systemctl status apache2

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sreenath in ~ λ systemctl status apache2
  apache2.service - The Apache HTTP Server
Loaded: loaded (/lib/systemd/system/apache2.service; enabled; vendor prese>
      Active: active (running) since Mon 2021-02-01 19:58:58 IST; 37s ago
       Docs: https://httpd.apache.org/docs/2.4/
    Main PID: 2749 (apache2)
       Tasks: 55 (limit: 3960)
      Memory: 6.5M
      CGroup: /system.slice/apache2.service
                 —2749 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
                -2750 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
-2752 /usr/sbin/apache2 -k start
Feb 01 19:58:58 studio systemd[1]: Starting The Apache HTTP Server...
Feb 01 19:58:58 studio apachectl[2748]: AH00558: apache2: Could not reliably de>
Feb 01 19:58:58 studio systemd[1]: Started The Apache HTTP Server.
lines 1-15/15 (END)
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Step 2: Setting the IP addresses

Since both devices are connected to a router, we will be using the predefined IP's that have been allocated by the router on both the server and client side.

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sreenath in ~ λ ip addr show | grep inet
    inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
    inet6 ::1/128 scope host
    inet 192.168.0.105/24 brd 192.168.0.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute e

no1
    inet6 fe80::f4ed:c67e:8173:8f22/64 scope link noprefixroute

sreenath in ~ λ
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Server Side IP

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[sreenath@archvm ~]$ ip addr show | grep inet
   inet 127.0.0.1/8 scope host lo
   inet6 ::1/128 scope host
   inet 192.168.0.107/24 brd 192.168.0.255 scope global dynamic noprefixroute enp0s3
   inet6 fe80::2784:af1c:3201:1a25/64 scope link noprefixroute
[sreenath@archvm ~]$ |
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Client Side IP

IP addresses used:

192.168.0.105 - Server

192.168.0.107 - Client

Step 3: Editing apache2.conf

In the /etc/apache2/ directory, modify the apache2.conf file which is the configuration file for the apache2 server using any text editor, for example:

sudo vim /etc/apache2/apache2.conf

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# Timeout: The number of seconds before receives and sends time out.

# Timeout 300

# KeepAlive: Whether or not to allow persistent connections (more than # one request per connection). Set to "Off" to deactivate.

# KeepAlive On

# MaxKeepAliveRequests: The maximum number of requests to allow # during a persistent connection. Set to 0 to allow an unlimited amount.

# We recommend you leave this number high, for maximum performance.

# MaxKeepAliveRequests 2

# KeepAliveTimeout: Number of seconds to wait for the next request from the # same client on the same connection.

# KeepAliveTimeout 5

# These need to be set in /etc/apache2/envvars

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Ensure that the KeepAlive value is set to On and that the MaxKeepAliveRequests value is set to 2.

Step 4: Moving Images to the server path and creating a webpage

Assuming the provided images are in the Downloads folder of the server system, execute the following command:

sudo mv *.jpg /var/www/html/

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sreenath in ~/Downloads λ
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This will move any jpg file in the Downloads folder to the server path.

Now create a file called a.html which will serve as our webpage which includes all the images:

sudo vim /var/www/html/a.html

Now the /var/www/html/ directory should look like this:

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sreenath in ~ λ ls /var/www/html

a.html Image1.jpg Image3.jpg Image5.jpg Image7.jpg Image9.jpg

Image10.jpg Image2.jpg Image4.jpg Image6.jpg Image8.jpg index.html

sreenath in ~ λ
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Step 4: Client Side Settings

On the client side, open the Firefox browser and type in about:config in the search box and search for the term persistent.

- While using a non-persistent connection, ensure that the max-persistentconnections-per-server has a value of 0 and the persistent-settings flag is set to false.
- While using persistent connections, max-persistent-connections-perserver should have a value that is greater than 0 and the persistent-settings flag is set to true.

To access the webpage created on the server, simply type in:

192.168.0.105/a.html

in the browser to connect to the webpage.



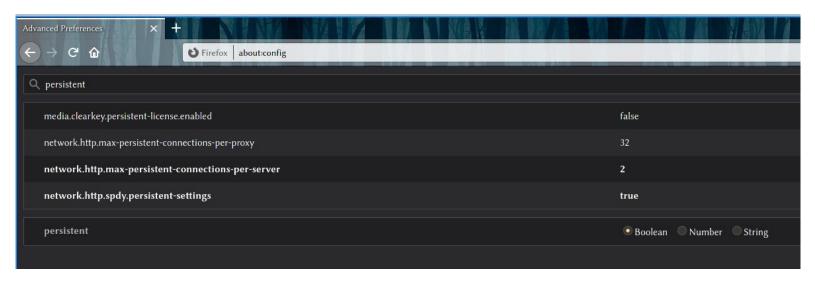
PART 1: NON-PERSISTENT CONNECTION



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Vo.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info	
	8 23.28974238	1 192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	398	GET /a.html HTTP/1.1	
0	10 23.29062951	17 192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	546	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)	
	12 23.84013953	35 192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image1.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	1497 24.01720369		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	1501 24.01960491		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image2.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	2240 24.10551941		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	2254 24.14897747		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image3.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	3291 24.33983863		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	3296 24.34810918		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image4.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	4349 24.48615353		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	4351 24.49112286		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image5.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	5252 24.61208474		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	5262 24.63746564		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image6.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	6342 24.77142734		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	6346 24.77965971		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image7.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	7126 24.86812939		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	7130 24.87490967		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image8.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	8076 24.98038094		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	8088 25.00278276		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image9.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	9576 25.20347019		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	9581 25.21194476		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image10.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	11861 25.47137012		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	11871 25.47343131		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1	
	11873 25.47382557	3 192.108.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	523	HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html	

PART 2: PERSISTENT CONNECTIONS

i) 2 Persistent Connections:



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No.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info	
+	9 21.451555354	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /a.html HTTP/1.1	
-	11 21.452471407	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	546	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)	
+	13 21.968300664		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image1.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	133 21.998589606		192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image2.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	1756 22.181342724		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	1931 22.224415739		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image3.jpg HTTP/1.1	
ľ	2496 22.333229855		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	2645 22.369982454		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image4.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	3649 22.515247633		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
8	3884 22.556970818		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image5.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	4471 22.626218916		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	5338 22.808631198		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	5352 22.840196750		192.168.0.105	НТТР		GET /Image6.jpg HTTP/1.1	
8	6438 22.985174112		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	6476 23.040514607		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image7.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	7362 23.139836139		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	7385 23.164895522		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image8.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	7538 23.179396179		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image9.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	8765 23.322093670		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	
	8983 23.383172216 10482 23.550900514		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image10.jpg HTTP/1.1	
	10482 23.550900514		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image) GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1	
	11507 23.676391385		192.168.0.105 192.168.0.107	200	277		
	12047 23.728619668		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html)	
	1204/ 23./28019008	192,108.0.105	192.108.0.107	HTTP	100	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)	

ii) 4 Persistent Connections:



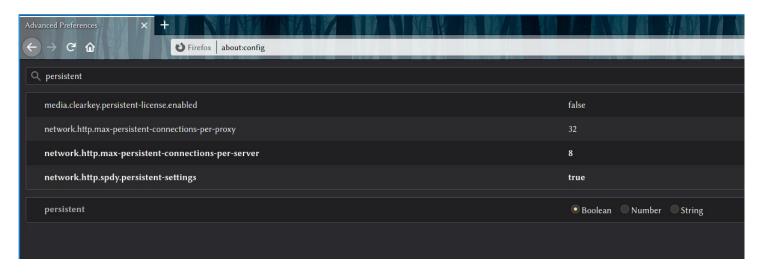
lo.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
	8 24.206413978	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	398	GET /a.html HTTP/1.1
	10 24.207214984	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	546	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
	12 24.568508034	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image1.jpg HTTP/1.1
	152 24.608453165	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image2.jpg HTTP/1.1
	179 24.613287323	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image4.jpg HTTP/1.1
	180 24.613287417	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image3.jpg HTTP/1.1
3	3574 25.013549231	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	1060	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
3	3736 25.031419363	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image5.jpg HTTP/1.1
4	155 25.079608827	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	1513	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
4	188 25.087260774	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image6.jpg HTTP/1.1
4	1897 25.160036427	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	155	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
	007 25.174462494	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image7.jpg HTTP/1.1
1	008 25.394484837	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
7	080 25.398616832	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image8.jpg HTTP/1.1
8	3108 25.510271474	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
8	25.518653385	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	172	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
	3241 25.525357118		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image9.jpg HTTP/1.1
	3268 25.525684568		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image10.jpg HTTP/1.1
	3361 25.534461160		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
100	703 25.770397578		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
	2428 25.947836943		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
100	3166 26.028032927		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
100	3173 26.061256812		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
13	3175 26.061749464	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	523	HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/htm

iii) 6 Persistent Connections:



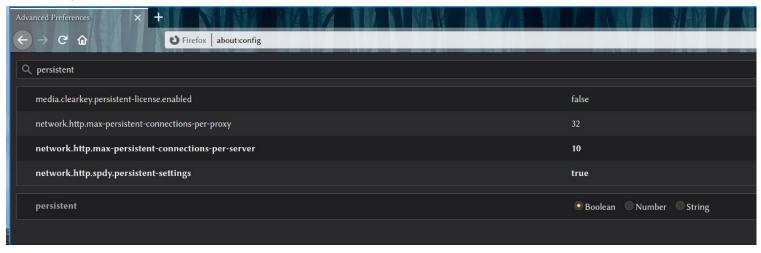
Vo.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
	7 16.96544176	1 192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	398	GET /a.html HTTP/1.1
	9 16.96642551	5 192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	546	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
	11 17.47070802	7 192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image1.jpg HTTP/1.1
	161 17.49280390	5 192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image2.jpg HTTP/1.1
	162 17.49280403	9 192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image6.jpg HTTP/1.1
	163 17.49289413	7 192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image5.jpg HTTP/1.1
	165 17.49289427	4 192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image4.jpg HTTP/1.1
	166 17.49289437	5 192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image3.jpg HTTP/1.1
	5293 18.09785529	2 192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
	5796 18.15441932		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image7.jpg HTTP/1.1
	6258 18.20428454		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
	6515 18.23241733		192.168.0.107	HTTP	201	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
	6646 18.24624047		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
	6733 18.25523158		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
	6779 18.28281228		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image8.jpg HTTP/1.1
	6867 18.28964617		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image9.jpg HTTP/1.1
	6997 18.30400835		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image10.jpg HTTP/1.1
	7925 18.40412002		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
	9698 18.59745925		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
	10915 18.73388692		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
	11878 18.83692430		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
	12775 18.94924271		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
	12777 18.95164671		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html
	12783 18.95236273	4 192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	165	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)

iv) 8 Persistent Connections:



0.	Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
	4 0.001445670	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	398	GET /a.html HTTP/1.1
	6 0.002260591	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	546	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
	8 0.169194228	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image1.jpg HTTP/1.1
2	9 0.224501108	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image2.jpg HTTP/1.1
2	4 0.232993828	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image8.jpg HTTP/1.1
2	55 0.233420145	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image7.jpg HTTP/1.1
2	6 0.233469230	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image6.jpg HTTP/1.1
2	7 0.233505784	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image5.jpg HTTP/1.1
2	8 0.233558069	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image4.jpg HTTP/1.1
2	0 0.233558249	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image3.jpg HTTP/1.1
70	5 0.879793329	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	1060	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
75	1 0.948565881	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	350	GET /Image9.jpg HTTP/1.1
83	9 1.020139697	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	1167	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
86	1.058027703	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	351	GET /Image10.jpg HTTP/1.1
91	2 1.099884340	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	947	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
94	0 1.134289987	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	215	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
98	9 1.171735493	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	1513	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
98	5 1.176161917	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	155	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
99	5 1.188010659	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	201	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
104	2 1.251583182	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	172	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
122	2 1.443016010	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	1036	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image
131	9 1.556252135	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	351	GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
131	8 1.556549484	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	523	HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/htm
134	55 1.593562519	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	165	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image

v) 10 Persistent Connections:



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No.	. Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length	Info
+	26 8.819146637	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP	398	GET /a.html HTTP/1.1
-	28 8.820155577	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HTTP	546	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (text/html)
+	30 9.218615718	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image1.jpg HTTP/1.1
	69 9.220742914	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image2.jpg HTTP/1.1
	71 9.220839089	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image4.jpg HTTP/1.1
	73 9.220839252	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image3.jpg HTTP/1.1
	75 9.220839367	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image10.jpg HTTP/1.1
	77 9.220940896	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image9.jpg HTTP/1.1
	79 9.220941069	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image8.jpg HTTP/1.1
	81 9.220941176	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image7.jpg HTTP/1.1
	83 9.220941292	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image6.jpg HTTP/1.1
	85 9.221049037	192.168.0.107	192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /Image5.jpg HTTP/1.1
	6883 10.336963955		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
	6954 10.381468783		192.168.0.105	HTTP		GET /favicon.ico HTTP/1.1
	6962 10.382039524		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 404 Not Found (text/html)
	9604 10.849046003		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
	11900 11.062089993		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
1	12371 11.101992780		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
-	12711 11.131687698		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
i	12926 11.151260705		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
1	14048 11.255124449		192.168.0.107	HTTP	107	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
	14059 11.255356077		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
-	14462 11.294498433		192.168.0.107	HTTP		HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)
1	15311 11.402410749	192.168.0.105	192.168.0.107	HIIP	165	HTTP/1.1 200 OK (JPEG JFIF image)

Persistent Connections	Time at 1st GET	Time at final response	TIME
Connections			
0	23.289742381	25.471370123	2.181626842
2	21.451555354	23.728619668	2.277064314
4	24.206413978	26.028032927	1.821618949
6	16.965441761	18.952362734	1.986920973
8	0.001445670	1.593562519	1.592116849
10	8.819146637	11.402410749	2.583264112

We notice that in general, the time taken reduces as we increase the number of persistent connections due to **HTTP pipelining** and we note that **8 connections** is optimal for my setup. We also notice that with an increase in connections to 10, more resources are kept occupied hence time increases as a result. We notice that the non-persistent connection is slow comparatively as it needs to setup the connection repeatedly.