

1 2010/01/16 - Connection header adjustments depending on the transaction mode.

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3 HTTP transactions supports 5 possible modes :

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6 WANT_TUN : default, nothing changed
7 WANT_TUN + httpclose : headers set for close in both dirs
8 WANT_KAL : keep-alive desired in both dirs
9 WANT_SCL : want close with the server and KA with the client
10 WANT_CLO : want close on both sides.

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12 When only WANT_TUN is set, nothing is changed nor analysed, so for commodity
13 below, we'll refer to WANT_TUN+httpclose as WANT_TUN.

14 The mode is adjusted in 3 steps :

15 - configuration sets initial mode
16 - request headers set required request mode
17 - response headers set the final mode

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21 1) Adjusting the initial mode via the configuration

22 option httpclose => TUN
23 option http-keep-alive => KAL
24 option http-server-close => SCL
25 option forceclose => CLO

26 Note that option httpclose combined with any other option is equivalent to
27 forceclose.

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31 2) Adjusting the request mode once the request is parsed

32 If we cannot determine the body length from the headers, we set the mode to CLO
33 but later we'll switch to tunnel mode once forwarding the body. That way, all
34 parties are informed of the correct mode.

35 Depending on the request version and request Connection header, we may have to
36 adjust the current transaction mode and to update the connection header.

	req_ver	req_hdr	new_mode	hdr_change
41 mode	req_ver	req_hdr	new_mode	hdr_change
42 TUN	1.0	-	TUN	-
43 TUN	1.0	ka	TUN	del_ka
44 TUN	1.0	close	TUN	del_close
45 TUN	1.0	both	TUN	del_ka, del_close
46				
47 TUN	1.1	-	TUN	add_close
48 TUN	1.1	ka	TUN	del_ka, add_close
49 TUN	1.1	close	TUN	-
50 TUN	1.1	both	TUN	del_ka
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52 KAL	1.0	-	CLO	-
53 KAL	1.0	ka	KAL	-
54 KAL	1.0	close	CLO	del_close
55 KAL	1.0	both	CLO	del_ka, del_close
56				
57 KAL	1.1	-	KAL	-
58 KAL	1.1	ka	KAL	del_ka
59 KAL	1.1	close	CLO	-
60 KAL	1.1	both	CLO	del_ka
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62 SCL	1.0	-	CLO	-
63 SCL	1.0	ka	SCL	del_ka
64 SCL	1.0	close	CLO	del_close
65 SCL	1.0	both	CLO	del_ka, del_close

66	SCL	1.1	-	SCL	add_close	
67	SCL	1.1	ka	SCL	del_ka, add_close	
68	SCL	1.1	close	CLO	-	
69	SCL	1.1	both	CLO	del_ka	
70	SCL	1.1				
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72	CLO	1.0	-	CLO	-	
73	CLO	1.0	ka	CLO	del_ka	
74	CLO	1.0	close	CLO	del_close	
75	CLO	1.0	both	CLO	del_ka, del_close	
76						
77	CLO	1.1	-	CLO	add_close	
78	CLO	1.1	ka	CLO	del_ka, add_close	
79	CLO	1.1	close	CLO	-	
80	CLO	1.1	both	CLO	del_ka	
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82	=> Summary:					
83	- KAL and SCL are only possible with the same requests :					
84	- 1.0 + ka					
85	- 1.1 + ka or nothing					
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87	- CLO is assumed for any non-TUN request which contains at least a close header, as well as for any 1.0 request without a keep-alive header.					
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89	- del_ka is set whenever we want a CLO or SCL or TUN and req contains a KA, or when the req is 1.1 and contains a KA.					
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92	- del_close is set whenever a 1.0 request contains a close.					
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94	- add_close is set whenever a 1.1 request must be switched to TUN, SCL, CLO and did not have a close hdr.					
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99	Note that the request processing is performed in two passes, one with the frontend's config and a second one with the backend's config. It is only possible to "raise" the mode between them, so during the second pass, we have no reason to re-add a header that we previously removed. As an exception, the TUN mode is converted to CLO once combined because in fact it's an httpclose option set on a TUN mode connection :					
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105	BE (2)					
106	TUN KAL SCL CLO					
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108	TUN TUN CLO CLO CLO					
109	+ KAL CLO KAL SCL CLO					
110	+ FE					
111	(1) SCL CLO SCL SCL CLO					
112	+ CLO CLO CLO CLO CLO					
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117	3) Adjusting the final mode once the response is parsed					
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120	This part becomes trickier. It is possible that the server responds with a version that the client does not necessarily understand. Obviously, 1.1 clients are assumed to understand 1.0 responses. The problematic case is a 1.0 client receiving a 1.1 response without any Connection header. Some 1.0 clients might know that in 1.1 this means "keep-alive" while others might ignore the version and assume a "close". Since we know the version on both sides, we may have to adjust some responses to remove any ambiguous case. That's the reason why the following table considers both the request and the response version. If the response length cannot be determined, we switch to CLO mode.					
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129	mode	res_ver	res_hdr	req_ver	new_mode	hdr_change
130	TUN	1.0	-	any	TUN	-

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131 TUN 1.0 ka any TUN del_ka
132 TUN 1.0 close any TUN del_close
133 TUN 1.0 both any TUN del_ka, del_close
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135 TUN 1.1 - any TUN add_close
136 TUN 1.1 ka any TUN del_ka, add_close
137 TUN 1.1 close any TUN -
138 TUN 1.1 both any TUN del_ka
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140 KAL 1.0 - any SCL add_ka
141 KAL 1.0 ka any KAL -
142 KAL 1.0 close any SCL del_close, add_ka
143 KAL 1.0 both any SCL del_close
144
145 KAL 1.1 - 1.0 KAL add_ka
146 KAL 1.1 - 1.1 KAL -
147 KAL 1.1 ka 1.0 KAL -
148 KAL 1.1 ka 1.1 KAL del_ka
149 KAL 1.1 close 1.0 SCL del_close, add_ka
150 KAL 1.1 close 1.1 SCL del_close
151 KAL 1.1 both 1.0 SCL del_close
152 KAL 1.1 both 1.1 SCL del_ka, del_close
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154 SCL 1.0 - any SCL add_ka
155 SCL 1.0 ka any SCL -
156 SCL 1.0 close any SCL del_close, add_ka
157 SCL 1.0 both any SCL del_close
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159 SCL 1.1 - 1.0 SCL add_ka
160 SCL 1.1 - 1.1 SCL -
161 SCL 1.1 ka 1.0 SCL -
162 SCL 1.1 ka 1.1 SCL del_ka
163 SCL 1.1 close 1.0 SCL del_close, add_ka
164 SCL 1.1 close 1.1 SCL del_close
165 SCL 1.1 both 1.0 SCL del_close
166 SCL 1.1 both 1.1 SCL del_ka, del_close
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168 CLO 1.0 - any CLO -
169 CLO 1.0 ka any CLO del_ka
170 CLO 1.0 close any CLO del_close
171 CLO 1.0 both any CLO del_ka, del_close
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173 CLO 1.1 - any CLO add_close
174 CLO 1.1 ka any CLO del_ka, add_close
175 CLO 1.1 close any CLO -
176 CLO 1.1 both any CLO del_ka
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=> in summary :

- the header operations do not depend on the initial mode, they only depend on versions and current connection header(s).
- both CLO and TUN modes work similarly, they need to set a close mode on the response. A 1.1 response will exclusively need the close header, while a 1.0 response will have it removed. Any keep-alive header is always removed when found.
- a KAL request where the server wants to close turns into an SCL response so that we release the server but still maintain the connection to the Client.
- the KAL and SCL modes work the same way as we need to set keep-alive on the response. So a 1.0 response will only have the keep-alive header with any close header removed. A 1.1 response will have the keep-alive header added for 1.0 requests and the close header removed for all requests.

Note that the SCL and CLO modes will automatically cause the server connection

196 to be closed at the end of the data transfer.