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<u>BestHTTP</u> is a HTTP/1.1 implementation based on the <u>RFC 2616</u>, that supports almost all Unity mobile and standalone platforms (see <u>Supported platforms</u>).

My goal was to create an easy to use, but still powerful plugin to Unity to take advantage of the potential in HTTP/1.1.

This document is a quick guide, not all function and property can be found here. You can find an online demo here.

For support, feature request or general questions you can email me at besthttp@gmail.com.

Please see the Upgrade Guide if you are upgrading to v1.9.x.

First, you should add a using statement to your source file after the regular usings:

```
using BestHTTP;
```

GET Requests

The simplest way to do a request to a web server is to create a HTTPRequest object providing the url and a callback function to it's constructor. After we constructed a new HTTPRequest object the only thing we need to do, is actually send the request with the Send() function. Let's see an example:

```
HTTPRequest request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri("https://google.com"), onRequestFinished);
request.Send();
```

The OnRequestFinished() function's implementation might be this:

```
void OnRequestFinished(HTTPRequest request, HTTPResponse response)
{
         Debug.Log("Request Finished! Text received: " + response.DataAsText);
}
```

As you can see the callback function always receives the original HTTPRequest object and an HTTPResponse object that holds the response from the server. The HTTPResponse object is null if there were an error and the request object has an Exception property that might carry extra information about the error if there were any.

While the requests are always processed on separate threads, calling the callback function is done on Unity's main thread, so we don't have to do any thread synchronization.

If we want to write more compact code we can use c#'s lambda expressions. In this example we don't even need a temporary variable:

```
new HTTPRequest(new Uri("https://google.com"), (request, response) =>
    Debug.Log("Finished!")).Send();
```

POST Requests

The above examples were simple GET requests. If we doesn't specify the method, all requests will be GET requests by default. The constructor has another parameter that can be used to specify the method of the request:

To POST any data without setting a field you can use the **RawData** property:

For additional samples check out the Small Code-Samples section.

Beside GET and POST you can use the HEAD, PUT, DELETE and PATCH methods as well:

Head

Delete

How To Access The Downloaded Data

Most of the time we use our requests to receive some data from a server. The raw bytes can be accessed from the HTTPResponse object's Data property. Let's see an example how to download an image:

Of course there is a more compact way to do this:

Beside of DataAsTexture2D there is a **DataAsText** property to decode the response as an Utf8 string. More data decoding properties may be added in the future. If you have an idea don't hesitate to mail me.

Warning: All examples in this document are without any error checking! In the production code make sure to add some null checks.

Switching from WWW

You can yield a HTTPRequest with the help of a StartCoroutine call:

```
HTTPRequest request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri("http://server.com"));
request.Send();
yield return StartCoroutine(request);
Debug.Log("Request finished! Downloaded Data:" + request.Response.DataAsText);
```

function(however, you still can if you want to).

This section will cover <u>some</u> of the advanced usage that can be done with BestHTTP.

constructor. These parameters are the following:

methodType: What kind of request we will send to the server. The default methodType is *HTTPMethods.Get*.

isKeepAlive: Indicates to the server that we want the tcp connection to stay open, so consecutive

often we might set it to false. The

default value is true.

disableCache: Tells to the BestHTTP system to use or skip entirely the caching mechanism. If its

saved neither. The default value is false.

Authentication

```
request.Credentials = new Credentials("usr", "paswd");
request.Send();
```

Download Streaming

evice. Our app would crash, users would be mad at us and the app would get a lot of bad rating. And rightfully so.

To avoid this, BestHTTP is designed to handle this problem very easily: with only switching one flag to true, our callback function will be called every time when a predefined amount of data is downloaded.

stream the whole response from our local cache without any change to our code and without even touching the web server. (Remarks: the server must send valid caching headers ("Expires" header: see the RFC) to allow this.)

Lets see a quick example:

So what just happened above?

We switched the flag - UseStreaming - to true, so our callback may be called more than one times.

The StreamFragmentSize indicates the maximum amount of data we want to buffer up before our callback will be called.

Our callback will be called every time when our StreamFragmentSize sized chunk is downloaded, and one more time when the IsStreamingFinished set to true.

To get the downloaded data we have to use the *GetStreamedFragments()* function. We should save its result in a temporary variable, because the internal buffer is cleared in this call, so consecutive calls will give us null results.

We disabled the cache in this exa want to take too much space.

Upload Streaming¹

You can set a Stream instance to upload to a HTTPRequest object through the *UploadStream* property. The plugin will use this stream to gather data to send to the server. When the upload finished and the *DisposeUploadStream* is true, then the plugin will call the Dispose() function on the stream.

UseUploadStreamLength property should be set to false. In this case, the plugin will send the data from the stream with chunked Transfer-Encoding.

```
var request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri(address), HTTPMethods.Post, OnUploadFinished);
request.UploadStream = new FileStream("File_To.Upload", FileMode.Open);
request.Send();
```

Upload Progress Tracking²

To track and display upload progress you can use the OnUploadProgress event of the HTTPRequest class. The OnUploadProgress can be used with RawData, forms(through AddField and AddBinaryData) and with UploadStream too.

```
var request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri(address), HTTPMethods.Post, OnFinished);
request.RawData = Encoding.UTF8.GetBytes("Field Value");
request.OnUploadProgress = OnUploadProgress;
request.Send();

void OnUploadProgress(HTTPRequest request, int uploaded, int length) {
    float progressPercent = (uploaded / (float)length) * 100.0f;
    Debug.Log("Uploaded: " + progressPercent.ToString("F2") + "%");
}
```

Caching

caching mechanism is working behind the scenes, the only thing we have to do is to decide if we want to enable or disable it.

If the cached response ha

server. This can save us time, bandwidth and works offline as well.

Although caching is automatic we have some control over it, or we can gain some info using the public functions of the *HTTPCacheService* class:

BeginClear(): It will start clearing the entire cache on a separate thread.

BeginMaintainence(): With this funct

¹ First available in v1.7.4

² First available in v1.7.4

use this function to keep the cache size under control:

GetCacheSize(): Will return the size of the cache in bytes.

GetCacheEntryCount(): Will return the number of the entries stored in the cache. The average cache entry size can be computed with the float avgSize = GetCacheSize() / (float) GetCacheEntryCount() formula.

Cookies

Handling of cookie operations are transparent to the programmer. Setting up the request Cookie header -Cookie header are done automatically by the plugin.

However it can be controlled in various ways:

It can be disabled per-

IsCookiesEnabled

property or the HTTPManager.IsCookiesEnabled property.

Cookies can be deleted from the Cookie Jar by calling the CookieJar.Clear() function.

New cookies that ar

property.

There are numerous global setting regarding to cookies. See the <u>Global Settings</u> section for more information.

Cookies can be added to a HTTPRequest by adding them to the Cookies list:

```
var request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri(address), OnFinished);
request.Cookies.Add(new Cookie("Name", "Value"));
request.Send();
```

These cookies will be merged with the server sent cookies. If *IsCookiesEnabled* is set to false on the request or in the HTTPManager, then only these user-set cookies will be sent.

Proxy

through the given proxy.

```
request.Proxy = new HTTPProxy(new Uri("http://localhost:3128"));
```

Global Settings

chapter.

Download Progress Tracking

To track and display download progress you can use the OnProgress event of the HTTPRequest class.

length of the downloaded content.

```
var request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri(address), OnFinished);
request.OnProgress = OnDownloadProgress;
request.Send();

void OnDownloadProgress(HTTPRequest request, int downloaded, int length) {
    float progressPercent = (downloaded / (float)length) * 100.0f;
    Debug.Log("Downloaded: " + progressPercent.ToString("F2") + "%");
}
```

Aborting a Request

You can abort an ongoing

```
request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri("http://yourserver.com/bigfile"), (req, resp) => { ...
});
request.Send();

// And after some time:
request.Abort();
```

The callback function will be called and the response object will be null.

Timeouts

You can set two timeout for a request:

1. ConnectTimeout: With this property you can control how much time you want to wait for a

```
request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri("http://yourserver.com/"), (req, resp) => { ... });
request.ConnectTimeout = TimeSpan.FromSeconds(2);
request.Send();
```

1. **Timeout**: With this property you can control how much time you want to wait for a request to be processed(sending the request, and downloading the response).

```
request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri("http://yourserver.com/"), (req, resp) => { ... });
request.Timeout = TimeSpan.FromSeconds(10);
request.Send();
```

A more complete example:

```
string url = "http://besthttp.azurewebsites.net/api/LeaderboardTest?from=0&count=10";
HTTPRequest request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri(url), (req, resp) =>
  {
       switch (req.State)
              // The request finished without any problem.
              case HTTPRequestStates.Finished:
                     Debug.Log("Request Finished Successfully!\n" + resp.DataAsText);
                     break;
              // The request finished with an unexpected error.
             // The request's Exception property may contain more information about the
             error.
              case HTTPRequestStates.Error:
                     Debug.LogError("Request Finished with Error! " +
                          (req.Exception != null ?
                                 (req.Exception.Message + "\n" +
                          req.Exception.StackTrace) :
                                 "No Exception"));
                     break;
              // The request aborted, initiated by the user.
              case HTTPRequestStates.Aborted:
                     Debug.LogWarning("Request Aborted!");
                     break;
              // Ceonnecting to the server timed out.
              case HTTPRequestStates.ConnectionTimedOut:
                     Debug.LogError("Connection Timed Out!");
                     break;
              // The request didn't finished in the given time.
              case HTTPRequestStates.TimedOut:
                     Debug.LogError("Processing the request Timed Out!");
                     break;
       }
  });
// Very little time, for testing purposes:
//request.ConnectTimeout = TimeSpan.FromMilliseconds(2);
request.Timeout = TimeSpan.FromSeconds(5);
request.DisableCache = true;
request.Send();
```

Request States

Initial: Initial status of a request. No callback will be called with this status.

Queued: Waiting in a queue to be processed. No callback will be called with this status.

Processing: Processing of the request started. In this state the client will send the request, and parse the response. No callback will be called with this status.

Finished: The request finished without problem. Parsing the response done, the result can be used.

property will be null.

Error: The request finished with an unexpected error in the plugin. The user defined callback will be called with a null response object. The request's Exception property may contain more info about the error, but it can be null.

Aborted . The user defined

ConnectionTimedOut: Connecting to the server timed out. The user defined callback will be called roperty will be null.

TimedOut: The request didn't finished in the given time. The user defined callback will be called

Request Priority

be picked from the request queue sooner than lower priority requests.

```
var request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri("https://google.com"), ...);
request.Priority = -1;
request.Send();
```

Server Certificate Validation

Server sent certificates can be validated by implementing an ICertificateVerifyer interface and setting it to a

```
using System;
using Org.BouncyCastle.Crypto.Tls;
using Org.BouncyCastle.Asn1.X509;
class CustomVerifier : ICertificateVerifyer
```

Control Redirections

Redirection are handled automatically by the plugin, but sometimes we have to make changes before a

```
return true;
}
```

Statistics³

You can get some statistics about the underlying plugin using the HTTPManager.GetGeneralStatistics function:

```
GeneralStatistics stats = HTTPManager.GetGeneralStatistics(StatisticsQueryFlags.All);
Debug.Log(stats.ActiveConnections);
```

You can query for three type of statistics:

Connections: Connection based statistics will be returned. These are the following:
 RequestsInQueue: Number of requests are waiting in the queue for a free connection.

<u>Connections</u>: The number of HTTPConnection instances that are tracked by the plugin. This is the sum of all of the following connections.

<u>ActiveConnections</u>: Number of active connections. These connections are currently processing a request.

<u>FreeConnections</u>: Number of free connections. These connections are finished with a request, and they are waiting for an another request or for recycling.

<u>RecycledConnections</u>: Number of recycled connections. These connections will be deleted as soon as possible.

1. **Cache**: Cache based statistics. These are the following:

<u>CacheEntityCount</u>: Number of cached responses.

CacheSize: Sum size of the cached responses.

1. **Cookie**: Cookie based statistics. These are the following:

CookieCount: Number of cookies in the Cookie Jar.

CookieJarSize: Sum size of the cookies in the Cookie Jar.

Global Settings

With the following properties we can change some defaults that otherwise should be specified in the

³ First available in v1.7.2.

These changes will affect all request that created after their values changed.

Changing the defaults can be made through the static properties of the **HTTPManager** class:

MaxConnectionPerServer: Number of connections allowed to a unique host. *http://example.org* and *https://example.org* are counted as two separate servers. The default value is **4**.

KeepAliveDefaultValue:

IsKeepAlive property. If

IsKeepAlive is false, the tcp connections to the server will be set up before every request and closed right after it. It should be changed to false if consecutive requests are rare. Values given to the

true.

IsCachingDisabled: With this property we can globally disable or enable the caching service.

default value is true.

MaxConnectionIdleTime: Specifies the idle time BestHTTP should wait before it destroys the

IsCookiesEnabled: With this option all Cookie operation can be enabled or disabled. The default value is **true**.

CookieJarSize: With this option the size of the Cookie store can be controlled. The default value is 10485760 (10 MB).

EnablePrivateBrowsing: If this option is enabled no Cookie will be written to the disk. The default value is **false**.

ConnectTimeout ectTimeout value.

The default value is 20 seconds.

RequestTimeout

default value is 60 seconds.

RootCacheFolderProvider: By default the plugin will save all cache and cookie data under the path returned by Application.persistentDataPath. You can assign a function to this delegate to return a custom root path to define a new path. This delegate will be called on a non Unity thread!

Proxy: The global, default proxy for all HTTPRequests. The HTTPRequest's Proxy still can be changed per-request. Default value is null.

Logger: An ILogger implementation to be able to control what informations will be logged about the

DefaultCertificateVerifyer: An ICertificateVerifyer implementation can be set to this property. All

UseAlternateSSL is true. An ICertificateVerifyer implementation can be used to implement server certificate validation.

UseAlternateSSLDefaultValue

changed through this property.

Sample codes:

```
HTTPManager.MaxConnectionPerServer = 10;
HTTPManager.RequestTimeout = TimeSpan.FromSeconds(120);
```

Thread Safety

Because the plugin internally uses threads to process all requests parallelly, all shared resources(cache, cookies, etc) are designed and implemented thread safety in mind.

Some notes that good to know:

1. Calling the request

any thread synchronization.

Creating, sending requests on more than one thread are safe too, but you should call the BestHTTP.HTTPManager.Setup(); awake, start).

We can use the WebSocket feature through the WebSocket class. We just need to pass the Uri of the sever

```
var webSocket = new WebSocket(new Uri("wss://html5labs-interop.cloudapp.net/echo"));
```

After this step we can register our event handlers to several events:

OnOpen event: Called when connection to the server is established. After this event the

occurs.

```
webSocket.OnOpen += OnWebSocketOpen;
private void OnWebSocketOpen(WebSocket webSocket)
{
         Debug.Log("WebSocket Open!");
}
```

OnMessage event: Called when a textual message received from the server.

```
webSocket.OnMessage += OnMessageReceived;
private void OnMessageReceived(WebSocket webSocket, string message)
{
          Debug.Log("Text Message received from server: " + message);
}
```

OnBinary event: Called when a binary blob message received from the server.

```
webSocket.OnBinary += OnBinaryMessageReceived;
private void OnBinaryMessageReceived(WebSocket webSocket, byte[] message)
{
         Debug.Log("Binary Message received from server. Length: " + message.Length);
}
```

OnClosed event: Called when the client or the server closes the connection, or en internal error occurs. When the client closes the connection through the Close function it can provide a Code and a Message that indicates a reason for closing. The server typically will echos our Code and Message.

```
webSocket.OnClosed += OnWebSocketClosed;
private void OnWebSocketClosed(WebSocket webSocket, UInt16 code, string message)
{
         Debug.Log("WebSocket Closed!");
}
```

OnError

connection lost. The second parameter is an Exception object, but it can be null. In this case checking the InternalRequest of the WebSocket should tell more about the problem.

```
webSocket.OnError += OnError;
private void OnError(WebSocket ws, Exception ex)
       string errorMsg = string .Empty;
       if (ws.InternalRequest.Response != null)
             errorMsg = string.Format("Status Code from Server: {0} and Message: {1}",
                    ws.InternalRequest.Response.StatusCode,
                    ws.InternalRequest.Response.Message);
       Debug.Log("An error occured: " + (ex != null ? ex.Message : "Unknown: " +
errorMsg));
}
OnErrorDesc event: A more informative event then the OnError, as the later is called only with an
Exception parameter. This event called after the OnError event, but it could provide a more detailed
error report.
webSocket.OnErrorDesc += OnErrorDesc;
void OnErrorDesc(WebSocket ws, string error)
{
       Debug.Log("Error: " + error);
}
```

OnlncompleteFrame event: See Streaming at the Advanced Websocket topic.

After we registered to the event we can start open the connection:

```
webSocket.Open();
```

After this step we will receive an OnOpen event and we can start sending out messages to the server.

```
// Sending out text messages:
webSocket.Send("Message to the Server");

// Sending out binary messages:
byte[] buffer = new byte[length];
//fill up the buffer with data
webSocket.Send(buffer);
```

After all communication is done we should close the connection:

webSocket.Close();

Advanced WebSocket

Ping messages: Its possible to start a new thread to send Ping messages to the server by setting the StartPingThread property to True before we receive an OnOpen event. This way Ping messages will be sent periodically to the server. The delay between two ping can be set in the PingFrequency

Pong messages: All ping messages that received from the server the plugin will automatically generate a Pong answer.

Streaming

The /socket.io/ path in the url is very important, by default the Socket.IO server will listen on this query. So

Connecting to namespaces

By default the SocketManager will connect to the root("/") namespace while connecting to the server. You

```
Socket root = manager.Socket;
```

Non-default namespaces can be accessed through the GetSocket("/nspName") function or through the

```
Socket nsp = manager["/customNamespace"];
// the same as this methode:
Socket nsp = manager.GetSocket("/customNamespace");
```

First access to a namespace will start the internal connection process.

Subscribing and receiving events

You can subscribe to predefined and custom events. Predefined events are "connect", "connecting", "event", "disconnect", "reconnecting", "reconnect_attempt", "reconnect_failed", "error".

Custom events are programmer defined events that your server will send to your client. You can subscribe

```
manager.Socket.On("login", OnLogin);
manager.Socket.On("new message", OnNewMessage);
```

An event handler will look like this:

```
void OnLogin(Socket socket, Packet packet, params object[] args)
{
}
```

The *socket* parameter will be the namespace-socket object that the server sent this event. The *packet* parameter contains the internal packet data of the event. The packet can be used to access binary data sent by the server, or to use a custom Json parser lib to decode the payload data. More on these later.

The *args* parameter is a variable length array that contains the decoded objects from the pac int, double,

string) or list of objects(List<object>) or Dictionary<string, object> for objects.

A message emitted on the server(node.js):

```
// send a message to the client
socket.emit('message', 'MyNick', 'Msg to the client');

can be caught by the client:

   // subscribe to the "message" event
   manager.Socket.On("message", OnMessage);

   // event handler
   void OnMessage(Socket socket, Packet packet, params object[] args)
   {
        // args[0] is the nick of the sender
        // args[1] is the message
        Debug.Log(string.Format("Message from {0}: {1}", args[0], args[1]));
}
```

Predefined events

"connect": Sent when the namespace opens.

"connecting": Sent when the SocketManager start to connect to the socket.io server.

"event": Sent on custom (programmer defined) events.

"disconnect": Sent when the transport disconnects, SocketManager is closed, Socket is closed or when no Pong message received from the server in the given time specified in the handshake data.

"reconnect": Sent when the plugin successfully reconnected to the socket.io server.

"reconnecting": Sent when the plugin will try to reconnect to the socket.io server.

"reconnect_attempt": Sent when the plugin will try to reconnect to the socket.io server.

"reconnect_failed": Sent when a reconnect attempt fails to connect to the server and the

```
"error": Sent on server or internal p
BestHTTP.SocketIO.Error object.
```

Other event-related functions:

Once: you can subscribe to an event that will be called only once.

```
// The event handler will be called only once
manager.Socket.Once("connect", OnConnected);
```

Off: you can remove all event subscription, or just only one.

```
// Removes all event-handlers
manager.Socket.Off();
// Removes event-handlers from the "connect" event
```

```
manager.Socket.Off("connect");

// Removes the OnConnected event-handler from the "connect" event
manager.Socket.Off("connect", OnConnected);
```

Sending events

You can send an event with the Emit function. You have to pass the event name as the first parameter and optionally other parameters. These will be encoded to json and will be sent to the server. Optionally you can set a callback function that will be called when the server processes the event(you have to set up the server code properly to be able to send back a callback function. See the Socket.IO server side documentation for more information).

```
// Send a custom event to the server with two parameters
manager.Socket.Emit("message", "userName", "message");

// Send an event and define a callback function that will be called as an
// acknowledgement of this event
manager.Socket.Emit("custom event", OnAckCallback, "param 1", "param 2");

void OnAckCallback(Socket socket, Packet originalPacket, params object[] args)
{
    Debug.Log("OnAckCallback!");
}
```

Sending acknowledgement to the server

to pass the original packet and any optional data:

You can keep a reference to the packet, and call the EmitAck from somewhere else.

Sending binary data

There are two ways of sending binary(byte[]) data.

By passing to the Emit function the plugin will scan the parameters and if it founds one, it will
convert it to a binary attachment(as introduced in Socket.IO 1.0). This is the most efficient way,
because it will not convert the byte array to a Base64 encoded string on client side, and back to
binary on server side.

```
void OnFrame(Socket socket, Packet packet, params object[] args)
{
    // Replace the Json object with the index
    packet.ReconstructAttachmentAsIndex();

    // now, decode the Payload to an object[]
    args = packet.Decode(socket.Manager.Encoder);

    // args now contains only an index number (probably 0)
    byte[] data = packet.Attachments[Convert.ToInt32(args[0])];

    texture.LoadImage(data);
}
```

1. We can replace the "{'_placeholder':true,'num':xyz}" string with the binary data from the Attachments converted to a Base64 encoded string. Advanced Json parsers can convert it to byte arrays when

```
Socket.On("frame", OnFrame, /*autoDecodePayload:*/ false);

void OnFrame(Socket socket, Packet packet, params object[] args)
{
    // Replace the Json object with the Base64 encoded string packet.ReconstructAttachmentAsBase64();

    // now, decode the Payload to an object[]
    args = packet.Decode(socket.Manager.Encoder);

    // args now contains a Base64 encoded string
    byte[] data = Convert.FromBase64String(args[0] as string);

    texture.LoadImage(data);
}
```

Set the default Json encoder

encoder. After this step all newly created SocketManager will use this encoder.

encoder.

Writing a custom Json encoder

If you want to change the default Json encoder for various reasons, first you have to write a new one. To do so, you have to write a new class that implements the IJsonEncoder from the

BestHTTP.SocketIO.JsonEncoders namespace.

The stripped IJsonEncoder is very tiny, you have to implement only two functions:

```
public interface IJsonEncoder
{
     List<object> Decode(string json);
     string Encode(List<object> obj);
}
```

The Decode function must decode the given json string to a list of objects. Because of the nature of the

The Encode function is used to encode the data that the client wants to send to the server. The structure of this list i

elements are the user sent arguments.

And here comes a complete example using the LitJson library from the examples folder:

```
using LitJson;
public sealed class LitJsonEncoder : IJsonEncoder
{
    public List<object> Decode(string json)
    {
        JsonReader reader = new JsonReader(json);
        return JsonMapper.ToObject<List<object>>(reader);
    }
    public string Encode(List<object> obj)
    {
        JsonWriter writer = new JsonWriter();
        JsonMapper.ToJson(obj, writer);
        return writer.ToString();
    }
}
```

AutoDecodePayload

Already talked about AutoDecodePayload in "Receiving binary data", however you can set this value not just per-event, but per-socket too. The socket has an AutoDecodePayload property that used as the default value of event subscription. Its default value is true - all payload decoded and dispatched to the event subscriber. If you set to false no decoding will be done by the plugin, you will have to do it by yourself.

want to cast the args every time: Sure! You can set the AutoDecodePayload on the Socket

object. However keep in mind that the payload will contain the eve

```
payload would look like this: "['eventName', {'field': 'stringValue'}, {'field': 1.0}]".
```

Error handling

An "error" event emitted when a server side or client side error occurs. The first parameter of the event will be an Error object. This will contain an error code in the Code property and a string message in the Message property. The ToString() function int this class has been overridden, you can use this function to write out its contents.

```
Socket.On(SocketIOEventTypes.Error, OnError);
void OnError(Socket socket, Packet packet, params object[] args)
      Error error = args[0] as Error;
      switch (error.Code)
      {
             case SocketIOErrors.User:
                    Debug.Log("Exception in an event handler!");
                    break;
             case SocketIOErrors.Internal:
                    Debug.Log("Internal error!");
                    break;
             default:
                    Debug.Log("Server error!");
                    break;
      }
      Debug.Log(error.ToString());
}
```

Available options in the SocketOptions class

options:

Reconnection: Whether to reconnect automatically after a disconnect. Its default value is true. ReconnectionAttempts: Number of attempts before giving up. Its default value is Int.MaxValue. ReconnectionDelay: How long to initially wait before attempting a new reconnection. Affected by +/-RandomizationFactor. For example the default initial delay will be between 500ms to 1500ms. Its default value is 10000ms.

ReconnectionDelayMax: Maximum amount of time to wait between reconnections. Each attempt increases the reconnection delay along with a randomization as above. Its default value is 5000ms. RandomizationFactor: It can be used to control the ReconnectionDelay range. Its default value is 0.5 and can be set between the 0.1 values inclusive.

Timeout: Connection timeout before a "connect_error" and "connect_timeout" events are emitted.

the socket.io protocol. Its default value

is is 20000ms.

AutoConnect: By setting this false, you have to call SocketManager's Open() whenever you decide it's appropriate.

When you create a new SocketOptions object its properties are set to theirs default values.

The SignalR

s base features. HTTPRequests and

WebSockets are used to connect and communicate leveraging from connection pooling. Cookies are sent with the requests, and the logger is used to log informations about the protocol and errors.

Brief list of features of the SignalR implementation:

Compatible with the latest SignalR server implementation

Easy to use API

Transport fallback

Reconnect logic

All Hub features are supported

The Connection class

The Connection class from the BestHTTP.SignalR namespace manages an abstract connection to the SignalR server. Connecting to a SignalR server start with the creation of a Connection object. This class will keep track of the current state of the protocol and will fire events.

You can create a Connection object multiple ways:

```
using BestHTTP.SignalR;
Uri uri = new Uri("http://besthttpsignalr.azurewebsites.net/raw-connection/");
1.
Connection signalRConnection = new Connection(uri);
```

2. Create the connection, with Hubs by passing the hub names to the constructor too.

⁵ Available in v1.8

```
Connection signalRConnection = new Connection(uri, "hub1", "hub2", "hubN");
```

3. Create the connection, with Hubs by passing Hub objects to the constructor.

```
Hub hub1 = new Hub("hub1");
Hub hub2 = new Hub("hub2");
Hub hubN = new Hub("hubN");
Connection signalRConnection = new Connection(uri, hub1, hub2, hubN);
```

After we created the Connection, we can start to connect to the server by calling the Open() function on it:

```
signalRConnection.Open();
```

Handling general events

The Connection class will allow you to subscribe to multiple events. These events are the following:

OnConnected: This event is fired when the connection class successfully connected, and the SignalR protocol is up for communication.

```
signalRConnection.OnConnected += (con) =>
    Debug.Log("Connected to the SignalR server!");
```

OnClosed: This event is fired when the SignalR protocol is closed, and no more further messages are sent or received.

```
signalRConnection.OnClosed += (con) =>
    Debug.Log("Connection Closed");
```

OnError: Called when an error occurs. If the connection is already open, the plugin will try to reconnect, otherwise the connection will be closed.

```
signalRConnection.OnError += (conn, err) =>
    Debug.Log("Error: " + err);
```

OnReconnecting: This event is fired, when a reconnect attempt is started. After this event an OnError or an OnReconnected event is called. Multiple OnReconnecting-OnError event pairs can be fired before an OnReconnected/OnClosed event, because the plugin will try to reconnect multiple

times in a given time.

```
signalRConnection.OnReconnecting += (con) =>
    Debug.Log("Reconnecting");
```

OnReconnected: Fired when a reconnect attempt was successful.

```
signalRConnection.OnReconnecting += (con) =>
    Debug.Log("Reconnected");
```

OnStateChnaged

the old state and the new state.

```
signalRConnection.OnStateChanged += (conn, oldState, newState) =>
    Debug.Log(string.Format("State Changed {0} -> {1}", oldState, newState));
```

OnNonHubMessage: Fired when the server send a non-hub message to the client. The client should know what types of messages are expected from the server, and should cast the received object accordingly.

```
signalRConnection.OnNonHubMessage += (con, data) =>
    Debug.Log("Message from server: " + data.ToString());
```

RequestPreparator: This delegate is called for every HTTPRequest that made and will be sent to the server. It can be used to further customize the requests.

```
signalRConnection.RequestPreparator = (con, req, type) =>
    req.Timeout = TimeSpan.FromSeconds(30);
```

Sending non-Hub messages

Sending non-hub messages to the server is easy as calling a function on the connection object:

```
signalRConnection.Send(new { Type = "Broadcast", Value = "Hello SignalR World!" });
```

it to the server.

Already encoded Json strings can be sent using the SendJson function:

```
signalRConnection.SendJson("{ Type: 'Broadcast', Value: 'Hello SignalR World!' }");
```

Hubs

In order to define methods on the client that a Hub can call from the server, and to invoke methods on a Hub at the server, Hubs must be added to the Connection object. This can be done by adding the hub names or hub instances to the Connection constructor, demonstrated in the *Connection Class* section.

Accessing hubs

Hub instances can be accessed through the Connection object by index, or by name.

```
Hub hub = signalRConnection[0];
Hub hub = signalRConnection["hubName"];
```

Register server callable methods

To handle server callable method calls, we have to call the On function of a hub:

The MethodCallMessage is a server sent object that contains the following properties:

Hub: A string containing the hub name that the method have to call on.

Method: A string that contains the method name.

Arguments: An array of objects that contains the arguments of the method call. It can be an empty array.

State: A dictionary containing additional custom data.

The plugin will use the Hub and Method properties to route the message to the right hub and event handler. The function that handles the method call have to use only the Arguments and State properties.

Call server-side methods

Calling server-

able to fulfill every needs. The Call functions are non-blocking functions, they will **not** block until the server sends back any message about the call.

The overloads are the following:

Call(string method, params object[] args): This can be used to call a server-side function in a fire-and-forget style. We will not receive back any messages ab

```
// Call a server-side function without any parameters
signalRConnection["hubName"].Call("Ping");

// Call a server-side function with two string parameters: "param1" and "param2"
signalRConnection["hubName"].Call("Message", "param1", "param2");
```

Call(string method, OnMethodResultDelegate onResult, params object[] args): This function can be used as the previous one, but a function can be passed as the second parameter that will be called when the server-side function successfully invoked.

```
signalRConnection["hubName"].Call("GetValue", OnGetValueDone);

void OnGetValueDone(Hub hub, ClientMessage originalMessage, ResultMessage result)
{
    Debug.Log("GetValue executed on the server. Return value of the function:" +
        result.ReturnValue.ToString());
}
```

This callback function receives the Hub that called this function, the original ClientMessage message that sent to the server and the ResultMessage instance sent by the server as a result of the method call. A ResultMessage object contains a ReturnValue and a State properties.

Call(string method, OnMethodResultDelegate onResult, OnMethodFailedDelegate onError, params object[] args): This function can be used to specifi a callback that will be called when the method fails to run on the server. Failures can be happen because of a non-found method, wrong parameters, or unhandled exceptions in the method call.

```
signalRConnection["hubName"].Call("GetValue", OnGetValueDone, OnGetValueFailed);
```

A FailureMessage contains the following properties:

IsHubError: True if it is a Hub error.

ErrorMessage: A brief message about the error itself.

StackTrace: If detailed error reporting is turned on on the server then it contains the stack trace of

the error.

AdditionalData

Call(string method, OnMethodResultDelegate onResult, OnMethodFailedDelegate onError, OnMethodProgressDelegate onProgress, params object[] args): This function can be used to add an additional progress message handler to the server-side method call. For long running jobs the server can send progress messages to the client.

When a ResultMessage or FailureMessage received by the plugin, it will not serve the ProgressMessages that came after these messages.

Using the Hub class as a base class to inherit from

The Hub class can be used as a base class to encapsulate hub functionality.

```
class SampleHub : Hub
{
  // Default constructor. Every hubs have to have a valid name.
  public SampleHub()
```

```
:base("SampleHub")
{
      // Register a server-callable function
      base.On("ClientFunction", ClientFunctionImplementation);
}
// Private function to implement server-callable function
private void ClientFunctionImplementation(Hub hub, MethodCallMessage msg)
   // TODO: implement
}
// Wrapper function to call a server-side function.
public void ServerFunction(string argument)
{
      base.Call("ServerFunction", argument);
}
}
SampleHub sampleHub = new SampleHub();
Connection signalRConnection = new Connection(Uri, sampleHub);
```

Authentication

The Connection class has an AuthenticationProvider property that can be set to an object that implements the IAuthenticationProvider interface.

The implementor has to implement the following property and functions:

bool IsPreAuthRequired:Property that returns true, if the authentication must run before any request is made to the server by the Connection class. *Examples*: a cookie authenticator must return false, as it has to send user credentials and receive back a cookie that must sent with the requests.

StartAuthentication: A function that required only if the *IsPreAuthRequired* is true. Otherwise it

PrepareRequest: A function that called with a request and a request type enum. This function can be used to prepare requests before they are sent to the server.

OnAuthenticationSucceded: An event that must be called when the IsPreAuthRequired is true and the authentication process succeeded.

OnAuthenticationFailed: An event that must be called when the IsPreAuthRequired is true and the authentication process failed.

A very simple Header-based authenticator would look like this:

```
class HeaderAuthenticator : IAuthenticationProvider
{
   public string User { get; private set; }
   public string Roles { get; private set; }
   // No pre-auth step required for this type of authentication
   public bool IsPreAuthRequired { get { return false; } }
   // Not used event as IsPreAuthRequired is false
   public event OnAuthenticationSuccededDelegate OnAuthenticationSucceded;
   // Not used event as IsPreAuthRequired is false
   public event OnAuthenticationFailedDelegate OnAuthenticationFailed;
   // Constructor to initialise the authenticator with username and roles.
   public HeaderAuthenticator(string user, string roles)
       this.User = user;
       this.Roles = roles;
   }
   // Not used as IsPreAuthRequired is false
   public void StartAuthentication()
   { }
   // Prepares the request by adding two headers to it
   public void PrepareRequest(BestHTTP.HTTPRequest request, RequestTypes type)
   {
       request.SetHeader("username", this.User);
       request.SetHeader("roles", this.Roles);
   }
}
```

Writing custom Json encoders

the static Connection. Default Encoder can be set too.

A JsonEncoder must implement the IJsonEncoder interface from the BestHTTP.SignalR.JsonEncoders namespace.

The package contains a sample LitJsonEncoder, that also used by some samples too.

The Server-Sent Events is a one-way string-based protocol. Data is came from the server, and there are no option to send anyth <u>latest draft</u>.

-Sent Events, the class itself is named EventSource.

When an error occurs, the plugin will try to reconnect once sending the LastEventId to let the server send any buffered message that we should receive.

The EventSource class

The EventSource class is located in the BestHTTP.ServerSentEvents namespace:

```
using BestHTTP.ServerSentEvents;

var sse = new EventSource(new Uri("http://server.com"));
```

Properties

These are the publicly exposed properties of the EventSource class:

Uri

State: The current state of the EventSource object.

ReconnectionTime

sec.

LastEventId

InternalRequest: The internal HTTPRequest object that will be sent out in the Open function.

Events

OnOpen

eventSource.OnOpen += OnEventSourceOpened;

⁶ First available in v1.8.1

```
void OnEventSourceOpened(EventSource source)
{
          Debug.log("EventSource Opened!");
}
```

OnMessage

receive a Message object that contains the payload of the message in the Data property. This event is called every time the client receives a messages, even when the message has a valid Event name, and we assigned an event handler to this event!

```
eventSource.OnMessage += OnEventSourceMessage;

void OnEventSourceMessage(EventSource source, Message msg)
{
         Debug.log("Message: " + msg.Data);
}
```

OnError: Called when an error encountered while connecting to the server, or while processing the data stream.

```
eventSource.OnError += OnEventSourceError;

void OnEventSourceError(EventSource source, string error)
{
          Debug.log("Error: " + error);
}
```

OnRetry: This function is called before the plugin will try to reconnect to the server. If the function returns false, no attempt will be made and the EventSource will be closed.

```
eventSource.OnRetry += OnEventSourceRetry;
bool OnEventSourceRetry(EventSource source)
{
    // disable retry
    return false;
}
```

OnClosed: This event will be called when the EventSource closed.

```
eventSource.OnClosed += OnEventSourceClosed;

void OnEventSourceClosed(EventSource source)
{
    Debug.log("EventSource Closed!");
}

OnStateChanged: Called every time when the State property changes.

eventSource.OnStateChanged += OnEventSourceStateChanged;

void OnEventSourceStateChanged(EventSource source, States oldState, States newState)
{
    Debug.log(string.Format("State Changed {0} => {1}", oldSate, newState)));
}
```

Functions

These are the public functions of the EventSource object.

Open: Calling this function the plugin will start to connect to the server and upgrade to the Server-Sent Events protocol.

```
EventSource eventSource = new EventSource(new Uri("http://server.com"));
eventSource.Open();
```

On: Using this function clients can subscribe to events.

```
eventSource.On("userLogon", OnUserLoggedIn);

void OnUserLoggedIn(EventSource source, Message msg)
{
         Debug.log(msg.Data);
}
```

Off: It can be used to unsubscribe from an event.

```
eventSource.Off("userLogon");
```

Close: This function will start to close the EventSource object.

```
eventSource.Close();
```

The Message class

The Message class is a logical unit that contains all information that a server can send.

Properties

ld

Event: Name of the event. Can be null, if no event name sent.

Data: The actual payload of the message.

Retry plugin.

To be able to dump out some important - and sometimes less important - functioning of the plugin a logger interface and implementation is introduced in v1.7.0. The default logger can be accessed through the HTTPManager.Logger property. The default loglevel is Warning for debug builds and Error for others.

Debug.Log/LogWarning/LogError functions.

A new logger can be written by implementing the ILogger interface from the BestHTTP.Logger namespace.

Upload a picture using forms

Upload a picture without forms, sending only the raw data

Add custom header

```
var request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri("http://server.com"), HTTPMethods.Post,
```

⁷ First available in v1.7.0

```
onFinished);
request.SetHeader("Content-Type", "application/json; charset=UTF-8");
request.RawData = UTF8Encoding.GetBytes(ToJson(data));
request.Send();
Display download progress
var request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri("http://serveroflargefile.net/path"),
                            (req, resp) =>
        Debug.Log("Finished!");
      });
request.OnProgress += (req, down, length) =>
             Debug.Log(string.Format("Progress: {0:P2}", down / (float)length));
request.Send();
Abort a request
var request = new HTTPRequest(new Uri(address), (req, resp) =>
      {
          // State should be HTTPRequestStates.Aborted if we call Abort() before
          // it's finishes
          Debug.Log(req.State);
      });
```

Range request for resumable download

request.Send();
request.Abort();

First request is a Head request to get the server capabilities. When range requests are supported the DownloadCallback function will be called. In this function we will create a new real request to get chunks of the content with setting the callback function to this function too. The current download position saved to the PlayerPrefs, so the download can be resumed even after an application restart.

```
private const int ChunkSize = 1024 * 1024; // 1 MiB - should be bigger!
private string saveTo = "downloaded.bin";

void StartDownload(string url)
{
    // This is a HEAD request, to get some information from the server
    var headRequest = new HTTPRequest(new Uri(url), HTTPMethods.Head, (request, response)
=>
    {
```

```
if (response == null)
             Debug.LogError("Response null. Server unreachable? Try again later.");
          else
          {
             if (response.StatusCode == 416)
               Debug.LogError("Requested range not satisfiable");
             else if (response.StatusCode == 200)
               Debug.LogError("Partial content doesn't supported by the server, content
               can be downloaded as a whole.");
             else if (response.HasHeaderWithValue("accept-ranges", "none"))
               Debug.LogError("Server doesn't supports the 'Range' header! The file
               can't be downloaded in parts.");
             else
               DownloadCallback(request, response);
          }
      });
  // Range header for our head request
  int startPos = PlayerPrefs.GetInt("LastDownloadPosition", 0);
  headRequest.SetRangeHeader(startPos, startPos + ChunkSize);
  headRequest.DisableCache = true;
  headRequest.Send();
}
void DownloadCallback(HTTPRequest request, HTTPResponse response)
  if (response == null)
       Debug.LogError("Response null. Server unreachable, or connection lost? Try again
later.");
       return;
  }
  var range = response.GetRange();
  if (range == null)
  {
       Debug.LogError("No 'Content-Range' header returned from the server!");
       return;
  }
  else if (!range.IsValid)
       Debug.LogError("No valid 'Content-Range' header returned from the server!");
       return;
  }
```

```
// Save(append) the downloaded data to our file.
if (request.MethodType != HTTPMethods.Head)
{
     string path = Path.Combine(Application.temporaryCachePath, saveTo);
     using (FileStream fs = new FileStream(path, FileMode.Append))
            fs.Write(response.Data, 0, response.Data.Length);
     // Save our position
     PlayerPrefs.SetInt("LastDownloadPosition", range.LastBytePos);
     // Some debug output
     Debug.LogWarning(string.Format("Download Status: {0}-{1}/{2}",
                               range.FirstBytePos,
                               range.LastBytePos,
                               range.ContentLength));
     // All data downloaded?
     if (range.LastBytePos == range.ContentLength - 1)
     {
            Debug.LogWarning("Download finished!");
            return;
     }
}
// Create the real GET request.
// The callback function is the function that we are currently in!
var downloadRequest = new HTTPRequest(request.Uri,
                                      HTTPMethods.Get,
                                      /*isKeepAlive:*/ true,
                                      DownloadCallback);
// Set the next range's position.
int nextPos = 0;
if (request.MethodType != HTTPMethods.Head)
     nextPos = range.LastBytePos + 1;
else
     nextPos = PlayerPrefs.GetInt("LastDownloadPosition", 0);
// Set up the Range header
downloadRequest.SetRangeHeader(nextPos, nextPos + ChunkSize);
downloadRequest.DisableCache = true;
// Send our new request
downloadRequest.Send();
```

}

This is just one implementation. The other would be that start a streamed download, save the

These features are mostly hidden and automatically used.

HTTPS

Store responses in a cache

Cache validation through the server

Stream from cache

Persistent connections

gzip, deflate content encoding

Raw and chunked transfer encoding

Range requests

Handle redirects

POST forms and files

WWW Authentication

Upload streams

Starting in v1.9.0 there are many defines that can be used to disable a feature. These defines can be combined, even all can be set. Disabled features will not compile, so build size can be reduced by disabling unused features.

These defines are the following:

<u>BESTHTTP_DISABLE_COOKIES</u>: With this define all cookie releated code can be disabled. No cookie parsing, saving and sending will occur.

<u>BESTHTTP_DISABLE_CACHING</u>: With this define all cache releated code can be disabled. No caching, or cache validation will be done.

<u>BESTHTTP DISABLE SERVERSENT EVENTS</u>: Server-Sent Events can be disabled with this. SignalR will not fallback to this.

<u>BESTHTTP_DISABLE_WEBSOCKET</u>: Websocket can be disable with this. SignalR and Socket.IO will not use this protocol.

BESTHTTP DISABLE SIGNALR: The entire SignalR implementation will be disabled.

BESTHTTP DISABLE SOCKETIO: The entire Socket.IO implementation will be disabled.

<u>BESTHTTP_DISABLE_ALTERNATE_SSL</u>: If you are not using HTTPS or WSS for WebSocket, or you are happy with the default implementation, you can disable the alretnate ssl handler.

BESTHTTP_DISABLE_UNITY_FORM: You can remove the dependency on Unity's WWWForm.

iOS (with Unity iOS Pro licence when used in Unity 4.6) Android (with Unity Android Pro licence when used in Unity 4.6)

Windows Phone 8.1, 10
WinRT/Metro/Windows Store Apps 8.1, 10
Windows, Linux and Mac Standalone
Web Player and Samsung Smart TV

Best HTTP Pro version only

Caching and Cookie persistence not supported

Please note, that you still have to run a **Socket Policy Service** on the server that you want

to access to. For more details see the <u>Unity's Security Sandbox manual</u> "Implications for

use of Sockets" section.

Flash Player builds are not supported currently.

HTTPS

range of certificates, however there are some that can fail with.

To give an alternate solution <u>BouncyCastle</u> are bundled in the plugin, you can use it by setting the UseAlternateSSL to true on your HTTPRequest object. But it can fail on some certifications too. On Windows Phone 8.1(and greater) and on WinRT(Windows Store Apps) a secure, Tls 1.2 protocol will handle the connection.

iOS

No platform specific bugs or limitations are known.

Android

No platform specific bugs or limitations are known.

Windows Phone

UseAlternateSSL to true.

Windows Store Apps

The native https handler

UseAlternateSSL to true.

WebPlayer

Only Best HTTP (Pro) version can be used.

Caching and Cookie persistence is not supported.

You have to run a **Socket Policy Service** on the server that you want to access to. For more details see the <u>Unity's Security Sandbox manual</u> *Implications for use of Sockets*" section.

Samsung Smart TV

Only *Best HTTP (Pro)* version can be used. Caching and Cookie persistence is not supported.

WebGL

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Cookies

Caching

Download and upload streaming

Proxy

Server Certificate Validation

Redirection Control

These limitations may change in future update of the plugin.

If you make requests to another server that your WebGL build is loaded from the remote server must set some headers to enable the requests. For more details you can start reading on the Wikipedia page of CORS.

<u>Upgrading to v1.9.x:</u> In v1.9.0 all DLL dependencies are removed, and some of the files from the source too. So a clean install is advised: Before you install v1.9.x you have to remove the /Assets/Best HTTP (Pro|Basic)/ folder and the BestHTTP.dll (it's in the Basic version only) and TcpClientImplementation.dll from the /Assets/Plugins/, /Assets/Plugins/Metro and /Assets/Plugins/WP8 folders.