Nginx shows 2 different statuses in the upstream response log

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I am running an nginx-ingress controller in a kubernetes cluster and one of my log statements for the request looks like this:

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```
upstream_response_length: 0, 840
upstream_response_time: 60.000, 0.760
upstream_status: 504, 200
```

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I cannot quite understand what does that mean? Nginx has a response timeout equal to 60 seconds, and tries to request one more time after that (successfully) and logs both requests?

P.S. Config for log format:

```
log-format-upstream: >-
    {
        ...
        "upstream_status": "$upstream_status",
        "upstream_response_length": "$upstream_response_length",
        "upstream_response_time": "$upstream_response_time",
        ...
     }
}
```

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According to <u>split_upstream_var</u> method of <u>ingress-nginx</u>, it <u>splits</u> results of <u>nginx health</u> checks.

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Since nginx can have several upstreams, your log could be interpreted this way:



1. First upstream is dead (504)



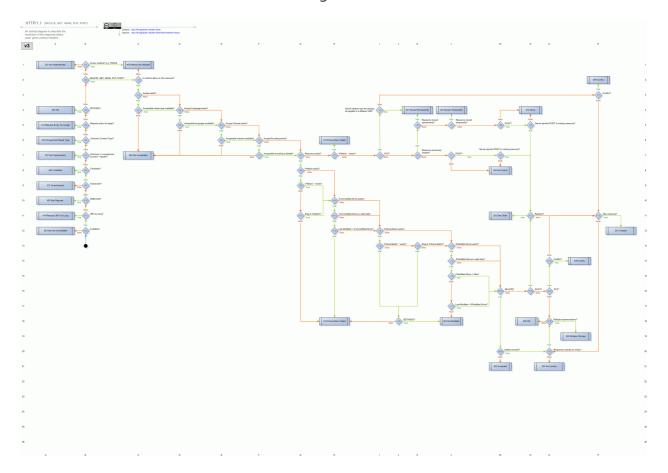
upstream_response_length: 0 // responce from dead upstream has zero length
upstream_response_time: 60.000 // nginx dropped connection after 60sec

```
upstream_status: 504 // responce code, upstream doesn't answer
```

2. Second upstream works (200)

```
upstream_response_length: 840 // healthy upstream returned 840b upstream_response_time: 0.760 // healthy upstream responced in 0.760 upstream_status: 200 // responce code, upstream is ok
```

P.S. JFYI, here's a cool HTTP headers state diagram



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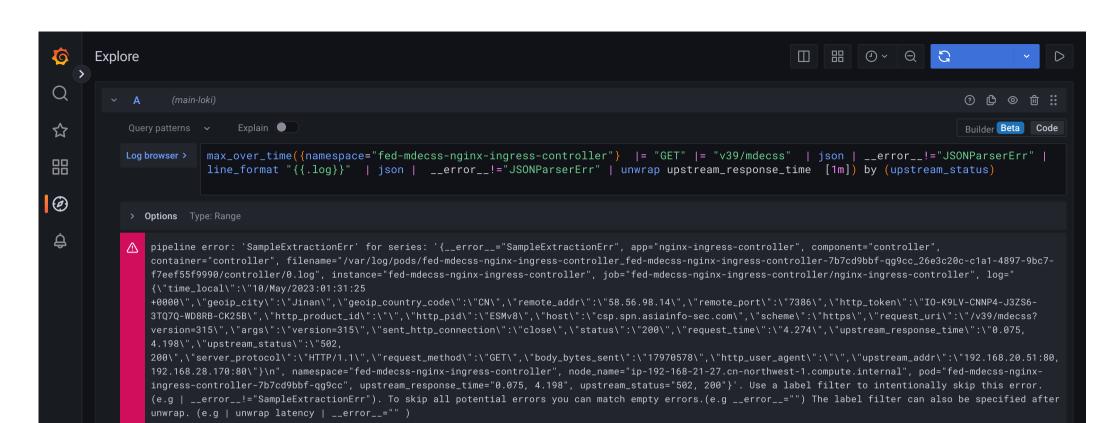
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I guess it's really just one upstream for nginx ingress controller, which is a service in kubernetes. Is it possible that nginx just does another request to upstream when the first is dropped after 60 seconds?

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