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Response header format (v0)

Each response to a Kafka request contains a header and a body. The header format is the same for most responses (irrespective of request type), but it does vary specifically for the APIVersions response. The APIVersions response uses the "v0" header format, while all other responses use the "v1" header format.

The response header format (v0) is 4 bytes long, and contains exactly one field:

- correlation_id: An integer that uniquely identifies the request (the client sends this value in the request)
 - This is an "INT32" according to the Kafka wire protocol
 - It is a signed integer, encoded using 4 bytes in the response (bigendian / network byte order)

The response header format (v1) contains an additional tag_buffer field, which we'll cover in later stages.

As mentioned in the previous section, the header is preceded by 4 bytes that describe the length of the entire message (header and body combined).

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