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Stage #NV3

Pending

- APIVersions, used to get the supported API versions by the broker
- Fetch, used to get data from the broker
- Produce, used to send data to the broker

We'll learn about these in detail later, for now we'll focus on the protocol format itself.

Request/Response format

As described in <u>the docs</u>, each request and response in the Kafka wire protocol starts with 4 bytes that describe the length of the entire message (this includes the header & body), followed by the message. This is true for both requests and responses.

The first 4 bytes are encoded as an int32 (4 bytes, big-endian / network byte order).

For example, if the length of the message is 10, the first 4 bytes (in hexadecimal) will be 00 00 00 0a (0a is the hexadecimal representation of 10).

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

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