

Apache 1.3.27 Launched! - Developer News

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- Add ProtocolReqCheck directive, which determines if Apache will check for a valid protocol string in the request (eg: HTTP/1.1) and return HTTP_BAD_REQUEST if not valid.
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 - Fix a problem in proxy where headers from other modules were added to the response headers when this was already done in the core already.
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