



HAProxy® Configuration Reference Card

2020-03-02 - Use under Creative Commons License (CC BY-SA)

For version 2.2-dev3

General configuration format (Configuration Manual §2)

As of version 2.2-dev3, configuration lines are words separated by spaces except if preceded by a backslash or enclosed within single or double-quote. Environment variables (\$*VAR*) or *SVAR* are resolved within double-quote. Sharp (#) outside quotes mark the end of the line. Backslash (\) before any delimiter outside single quote copy the next character verbatim..

```

global
  [global directives]
defaults
  [options to next defaults section]
frontend <FE_NAME> # front half of a proxy
  [<frontend-options>]
  bind [<address>]:<port_range>[,...] [<bind-params>]*
  mode {tcp|http|heath}
  acl <aclname> <criterion> [<flags>] [<op>] <value> ...
  tcp-request connection <action> [{if|unless} ...]
  tcp-request session <action> [{if|unless} <condition>]
  tcp-request inspect-delay <timeout>
  tcp-request content <action> [{if|unless} <condition>]
  http-request <action> [options...] [{if|unless} <condition>]
  use_backend <backend> [{if|unless} <condition>]
  tcp-response content <action> [{if|unless} <condition>]
  http-response <action> [options...] [{if|unless} <condition>]
backend <BE_NAME> # backend half of a proxy
  [<backend-options>]
  mode {tcp|http|heath}
  acl <aclname> <criterion> [<flags>] [<op>] <value> ...
  stick-table [<sticktable-params>]*
  tcp-request content <action> [{if|unless} <condition>]
  http-request <action> [options...] [{if|unless} <condition>]
  use-server <server> [{if|unless} <condition>]
  server [<address>] [<server-params>]*
  tcp-response inspect-delay <timeout>
  tcp-response content <action> [{if|unless} <condition>]
  http-response <action> [options...] [{if|unless} <condition>]
  http-after-response <action> [options...] [{if|unless} ...]
  stick match <pattern> [table <table>] [{if|unless} <condition>]
  stick on <pattern> [table <table>] [{if|unless} <condition>]
  stick store-request <pattern> [table <table>] [{if|unless} ...]
  stick store-response <pattern> [table <table>] [{if|unless} ...]
listen <NAME> Front + backend of a proxy
  [<frontend-options>|<backend-options>]
mailers <NAME> Notification mailers definition
  [<mailers-options>]
peers <NAME> Peers definition to synchronise stick tables
  [<peers-options>]
program <name> External program definition
  [<program-options>]
resolver <NAME> Dynamic DNS
  [<resolver-options>]
userlist <NAME> Username, password and group for auth
  group <groupname> [users <user>, ...]
  user <username> {password|insecure-password} <password> ...
http-errors <NAME>
  errorfile <code> <filename>

```

Global options (Configuration Manual §3)

```

<address>: ipv4, ipv6, dgram-socket, fd<number>, stdout, stderr
ca-base <dir>
chroot <jail-dir>
crt-base <dir>
daemon
quiet
description <text>
gid|group <number|groupname>
hard-stop-after <time>
log <address> [log-params]*
lua-load <file>
maxconn <number>
nbproc|nbthread <number>
pidfile <pidfile>
stats socket [<address:port>|<path>] [<bind-params>]*
tune.bufsize <number> (default: 16384)
uid|user <number>|<username>
ulimit-n <number>

```

Bind (<bind-params>) (Configuration Manual §5.1)

Bind can be multiple with specific process directive

```

<process-set>: all, odd, event, num.start[-[num.end]]
<thread-set>: all, odd, event, num.start[-[num.end]]
<cpu-set>: all, odd, event, num.start[-[num.end]]
alpn <protocols>
ciphers <ciphers>
crt <pem-file> Certs followed by keys in PEM
crt-list <filename> By SNI certs file
defer-accept
expose-fd listeners
{force|no}-ssl|v3
{force|no}-tls(v10,v11,v12,v13)
interface <interface>
name <name>
process <process-set>[/<thread-set>]
ssl | transparent | v4v6 | v6only
verify [none|optional|required]

```

Server (<server-params>) (Configuration Manual §5.2)

Server can be multiple

```

addr <address>
alpn <protocols>
[no-]backup
ca-file <ca-pemfile>
[no-]check
check-alpn <protocols> / check-sni <sni>
[no-]check-ssl
cookie <value>
enabled|disabled
error-limit <count> (default: 10)
fall <count> (default: 3)
inter <delay> / downinter <delay> / fastinter <delay>
maxconn <number> / maxqueue <number>
port <port>
resolvers <id>
slowstart <delay>
source <address> usesrc <usesrc>
  usesrc: {<addr>[:port]|clientip|client|hdr_ip(<hdr>[,occ])}
[no-]ssl
[non-]stick Never/Add connections to stick-table
track [<proxy>/]<server>
weight <weight>

```

Proxies (Configuration Manual §4)

D: default, F: frontend, L: listen, B: backend

```

<balance-algorithm>: roundrobin, static-rr, leastconn, first,
  source, uri, url_param, hdr(<name>), random([<draws>]), ...
<comp-algorithm>: identity, gzip, deflate, raw-deflate
<match>: status, rstatus, string, rstring
<var-name>: {proc|sess|txn|req|res}.<word>
[DLB] balance <balance-algorithm> [<arguments>]
[FL] capture cookie <name> len <length>
[FL] capture request header <name> len <length>
[FL] capture response header <name> len <length>
[DFLB] compression algo <comp-algorithm>...
[DFLB] compression offload
[DFLB] compression type <mime-type>...
[DFLB] cookie <name> [<cookie-params>]*
  [rewrite|insert|prefix] [domain <domain>]*
  [dynamic] [httponly] [indirect] [nocache] [preserve]
  [maxidle <idle>] [maxlife <life>] [postonly] [secure]
[DFLB] default_backend <backend-name>
[DFLB] default-server [<server-params>]*
[DFLB] email-alert ...
[DFLB] errorfile <code> <file>
[DFLB] errorfiles <name> [<code> ...]
[DFLB] hash-type <method> <function> [avalanche]
  <method>: map-based, consistent
  <function>: sdbm, djb2, wt6, crc32
[LB] http-check expect [!] <match> <pattern>
[FLB] http-request | http-response ...
[FLB] http-after-response ...
[DFLB] [no] log global
[DFLB] [no] log <address> [log-options]*
[DFL] [no] option dontlog-normal
[DFL] [no] option dontlognull
[DFLB] [no] option http-keep-alive
[DFLB] [no] option http-no-delay
[DLB] [no] option http-pretend-keepalive
[DFLB] [no] option http-server-close
[DFLB] [no] option httpclose
[DFL] [no] option logasap
[DLB] [no] option persist
[DLB] [no] option redispatch [<interval>]
[DLB] [no] option transparent
[DLB] option forwardfor [except <network>] [header <name>] [if-none]
[DLB] option httpchk <method> <uri> [<version>]
[DFL] option httplog [clf]
[DLB] option tcp-check
[DFLB] option toplog
[LB] server ...
[DFLB] stats ...
[FLB] stick ...
[FLB] stick-table ...
[LB] tcp-check ...
[FLB] tcp-response|tcp-request ...
[DLB] timeout check <timeout>
[DFL] timeout {client|client-fin} <timeout>
[DLB] timeout connect <timeout>
[DFLB] timeout http-keep-alive <timeout>
[DFLB] timeout http-request <timeout>
[DLB] timeout queue <timeout>
[DLB] timeout {server|server-fin} <timeout>
[DFLB] timeout tarpit <timeout>
[DLB] timeout tunnel <timeout>
[FL] use_backend <backend>
[LB] use-server ...

```

Stick Table (<sticktable-params>) (Configuration Manual §4.2)

```
stick-table type <type> [len <length>] size <size> [expire
<expire>] [nopurge] [peers <peersect>] [store <data-type>]
<type>: ip, ipv6, integer, string, binary
<data-type>:
  server_id
  gpc0 / gpc0_rate(<period>)          1er Gen. Purpose Counter
  gpc1 / gpc1_rate(<period>)          2nd Gen. Purpose Counter
  conn_cnt / conn_cur / conn_rate(<period>) Connections
  sess_cnt(<period>) / sess_rate(<period>) Sessions
  http_req_cnt / http_req_rate(<period>) HTTP Requests
  http_err_cnt / http_err_rate(<period>) HTTP Errors
  bytes_in_cnt / bytes_in_rate(<period>) Bytes In
  bytes_out_cnt / bytes_out_rate(<period>) Bytes Out
```

Peers (Configuration Manual §3.5)

```
bind [<address>]:<port_range>
peer <peername> <ip>:<port> [<params>*]
server <peername> [<ip>:<port>] [<params>*]
table <tablename> type <type> size <size> [...]
  <type>: ip, integer, string [len <len>], binary [len <len>]
  ...: [nopurge] [store <data-type>] [expire <expire>]
```

ACL (Configuration Manual §7)

```
acl <aclname> <criteria> [<flags>] [<operator>] [<value>] ...
<condition>: [!]<acl> [[!]<acl>]* [or [!]<acl> [[!]<acl>]*]
<acl> are explicitly declared or anonymous with <SP><expr><SP><SP> form.
<acl> extract a sample, apply modifications on it and compare to a set of constant patterns
using a specific matching method.
```

```
<type>: boolean, integer, ip, string, binary
<flags>:
  -i          ignore case for subseq -f entries
  -f <file>  load from file
  -m <meth>  pattern meth. (found, bool, int, ip, bin, len, str, sub, reg, beg, end, dir, dom)
  -n          forbid the DNS resolutions
  -M          map file defined with -f
  -u <id>    force unique id of ACL
  --         end of flags
```

<operator>: eq, ge, gt, le, lt

Warning : regex and case insensitive are linearly evaluated !

Actions (Configuration Manual §4 / http-request / http-response)

Q: request, R: response, S: stats

```
{add|del}-header <name> <fmt>          [QR]
allow | deny [deny_status <status>]    [QRS]
auth [realm <realm>]                   [QS]
capture <sample> [ len <length> | id <slot> ] [Q]
redirect <rule> | silent-drop           [QR]
reject | tarpit                         [Q]
replace-header <name> <match-regex> <replace-fmt> [QR]
replace-uri <match-regex> <replace-fmt> [Q]
replace-value <name> <match-regex> <replace-fmt> [QR]
return [status <code>] [content-type <type>] [QR]
  [{default-errorfiles|errorfile <file>|errorfiles <name>|
  file <file>|lf-file <file>|string <str>|lf-string <fmt>}]
  [hdr <name> <fmt>]*
set-header <name> <fmt>                 [QR]
{set-uri|set-path|set-query} <fmt>      [Q]
set-status <status> [reason <string>]   [R]
```

Internal samples (Configuration Manual §7.3.2)

```
avg_queue([<backend>])
{be_conn|fe_conn}([<backend>])
{be_conn_free|fe_conn_free}([<backend>])
{be_sess_rate|fe_sess_rate}([<backend>])
bin(<hex>) / bool(<bool>) / int(<integer>)
ipv4(<ipv4>) / ipv6(<ipv6>) / str(<string>)
connslots([<backend>])
cpu_calls          number of calls by request
cpu_ns_avg|cpu_ns_tot  avg|total nanosecs spent in req.
date([<offset>], [{s|m|us}])
fe_req_rate([<frontend>])
meth(<method>)
nbsrv([<backend>]) / queue([<backend>])
rand([<range>]) / uuid([<version>])
{srv_conn|srv_conn_free}([<backend>|<server>])
srv_is_up([<backend>|<server>])
srv_queue([<backend>|<server>])
srv_sess_rate([<backend>|<server>])
{table_av1|table_cnt}([<table>])
var(<var-name>) / env(<name>)
```

L4 samples (Configuration Manual §7.3.3)

```
be_id / be_name / fe_name / srv_name
src / dst / dst_port
src_is_local / dst_is_local
```

L5 samples (Configuration Manual §7.3.4)

```
ssl_bc / ssl_fc
ssl_c_i_dn([<entry>[, <occ>[, {rfc2253}]]])
ssl_c_s_dn([<entry>[, <occ>[, {rfc2253}]]])
ssl_c_verify
ssl_f_i_dn([<entry>[, <occ>[, {rfc2253}]]])
ssl_f_s_dn([<entry>[, <occ>[, {rfc2253}]]])
ssl_fc_sni
```

L6 samples (Configuration Manual §7.3.5)

```
req.proto_http
wait_end          predefined: WAIT
```

L7 samples (Configuration Manual §7.3.6)

```
capture.req.hdr(<idx>)
{req|res}.fhdr(<name>[, <occ>])
{req|res}.hdr([<name>[, <occ>])
method / url / path / query / req.ver / status
http_auth(<userlist>)
urlp([<name>[, <delim>]])
```

Sample converters (Configuration Manual §7.3.1)

Without args brackets can be avoid

```
{add|div|mod|mull|sub}(<value>)
{and|or|xor}(<value>)
{b64dec|base64}()
{bool|neg|not}()
bytes(<offset>[, <length>])
concat([<start>], [<var>], [<end>])
{even|odd}()
field(<index>, <delimiters>[, <count>])
hex()
json([ {ascii|utf8|utf8s|utf8p|utf8ps} ])
length()
{lower|upper}()
```

```
map_<method>_<type>(<map-file>[, <default-value>])
  <method>: str, beg, sub, dir, dom, end, reg, int
  <type>: str, int, ip
nbsrv()
regsub(<regex>, <subst>[, {i|g}*])
set-var(<var-name>)
strcmp(<var>)
table_<data-type>(<table>)          See Stick Tables
```

Resolvers (Configuration Manual §5.3.2)

```
accept_payload_size <size>          (default: 512)
nameserver <id> <address>:<port>
parse-resolv-conf
hold valid <period>                  (default: 10s)
hold obsolete <period>               (default: 0s)
host {nx|refused|timeout|other} <period> (default: 30s)
resolve_retries <count>              (default: 3)
timeout {resolve|retry} <timeout>    (default: 1s)
```

Logs Options (log-format <string>)

```
[no] log <addr> [len <length>] [format <format>] [sample
<ranges>:<smp_size>] <facility> [level] [minlevel]]]
<addr>: {<ip4>|<ip6>}:<port>|<sock>|fd@<n>|stderr|stdout|ring@<n>
<format>: rfc3164|rfc5424|short|raw
<facility>: facility to send with
<level>: filter outgoing message
log-format <format>
<format>: %[<brace><FLAGS><brace>]<option>... (ex: %<+Q,>+X)ci)
%[<expr>]  samples & converters (ex: %req.hdr(user-agent))
%ac        actconn
%b %f %s %ft: backend/frontend/server's name/frontend suffixed by '~' for SSL
%bc %fc %sc: backend/frontend/server's concurrent connections
%bi %bp %ci %cp %fi %fp %si %sp: backend/client/frontend/server IP/port
%Ta %Tc %Th %Ti %Tq %Tr %Tt %Tw: timers (active, connect, handshake, idle,
request, response, total, wait-queue)
%B %U      bytes read/uploaded (from S->C / C->S)
%ci %cp     client IP/port (accepted address)
%CC %CS     captured request/response cookie
%ST         status_code
%t          date-time (with millisecond resolution)
%Td         Td = Tt - (Tq + Tw + Tc + Tr)
%tr         date-time of HTTP request
%ts %tsc   termination_state / with cookie status
%Ts         timestamp
%TR         time to receive the full request from 1st byte
%rc         retries
%ms         accept date milliseconds (left-padded with 0)
%sq %bq    server / backend queue
%hr %hs    captured request / response headers default style (+H for CLF style)
%r         http_request (%H... for details)
%sslc      ssl_ciphers (ex: AES-SHA)
%sslv      ssl_version (ex: TLSv1)
%H         hostname
%pid       PID
%ID        unique-id
%T %Tl     gmtime / local date-time
%trg %trl  gmtime / local date-time of start of HTTP request
%rt %lc    request counter (HTTP req or TCP session) / frontend log counter
```

HAProxy® is a registered trademark of HAProxy Technologies - <https://www.haproxy.com/trademark-policy/>. Thanks to Willy Tarreau, Thierry Fournier and many others for their feedback and suggestions.