MaxLifetime (ML)

Learn how to use the MaxLifetime config.txt directive to specify the maximum number of minutes an EZproxy session can be idle before it is automatically logged out.

Although this directive can be repeated and can be used to set different idle times for different databases, the results can be somewhat unexpected. The recommended placement of this directive is a single instance before the first database stanza in config.txt.

**MaxLifetime** (also written as **ML**) specifies the maximum number of minutes that a session can be idle before it is automatically logged out. The default value of 120 minutes allows a session to be idle for 120 minutes. This default meets the need of most configurations.

### Qualifiers

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<td>A number that indicates the maximum number of minutes that a session may be idle before being logged out automatically.</td>
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### Syntax

- **ML** minutes

### Examples

Reduce the session lifetime limit to 60 minutes.

```text
ML 60
Title Some Database
URL http://www.somedb.com
Domain somedb.com

Title Other Database
URL http://www.otherdb.com
Domain otherdb.com
```