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ngx_set_misc - Various set_xxx directives added to nginx's rewrite module (md5/sha1, sql/json quoting, and many more)

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Version

This document describes ngx_set_misc [v0.31](#) released on 15 August 2016.

Synopsis

```
location /foo {
    set $a $arg_a;
    set_if_empty $a 56;

    # GET /foo?a=32 will yield $a == 32
    # while GET /foo and GET /foo?a= will
    # yeild $a == 56 here.
}

location /bar {
    set $foo "hello\n\n'\\"";
    set_quote_sql_str $foo $foo; # for mysql

    # OR in-place editing:
    #   set_quote_sql_str $foo;

    # now $foo is: 'hello\n\n'\\"'
```

```
}

location /bar {
    set $foo "hello\n\n\"";
    set_quote_pgsql_str $foo; # for PostgreSQL

    # now $foo is: E'hello\n\n\"'
}

location /json {
    set $foo "hello\n\n\"";
    set_quote_json_str $foo $foo;

    # OR in-place editing:
    # set_quote_json_str $foo;

    # now $foo is: "hello\n\n\""
}

location /baz {
    set $foo "hello%20world";
    set_unescape_uri $foo $foo;

    # OR in-place editing:
    # set_unescape_uri $foo;

    # now $foo is: hello world
}

upstream_list universe moon sun earth;
upstream moon { ... }
upstream sun { ... }
upstream earth { ... }
location /foo {
```

```
    set_hashed_upstream $backend universe $arg_id;
    drizzle_pass $backend; # used with ngx_drizzle
}

location /base32 {
    set $a 'abcde';
    set_encode_base32 $a;
    set_decode_base32 $b $a;

    # now $a == 'c5h66p35' and
    # $b == 'abcde'
}

location /base64 {
    set $a 'abcde';
    set_encode_base64 $a;
    set_decode_base64 $b $a;

    # now $a == 'YWJjZGU=' and
    # $b == 'abcde'
}

location /hex {
    set $a 'abcde';
    set_encode_hex $a;
    set_decode_hex $b $a;

    # now $a == '6162636465' and
    # $b == 'abcde'
}

# GET /sha1 yields the output
# aaf4c61ddcc5e8a2dabede0f3b482cd9aea9434d
location /sha1 {
```

```
    set_sha1 $a hello;
    echo $a;
}

# ditto
location /sha1 {
    set $a hello;
    set_sha1 $a;
    echo $a;
}

# GET /today yields the date of today in local time using format 'yyyy-mm-dd'
location /today {
    set_local_today $today;
    echo $today;
}

# GET /signature yields the hmac-sha-1 signature
# given a secret and a string to sign
# this example yields the base64 encoded signature which is
# "HkADYtcoQQzqbjQX33k/ZBB/DQ="
location /signature {
    set $secret_key 'secret-key';
    set $string_to_sign "some-string-to-sign";
    set_hmac_sha1 $signature $secret_key $string_to_sign;
    set_encode_base64 $signature $signature;
    echo $signature;
}

location = /rand {
    set $from 3;
    set $to 15;
    set_random $rand $from $to;
}
```

```
# or write directly
#   set_random $rand 3 15;

echo $rand; # will print a random integer in the range [3, 15]
}
```

Description

This module extends the standard `HttpRewriteModule`'s directive `set` to provide more functionalities like URI escaping and unescaping, JSON quoting, Hexadecimal/MD5/SHA1/Base32/Base64 digest encoding and decoding, random number generator, and more!

Every directive provided by this module can be mixed freely with other `ngx_http_rewrite_module`'s directives, like `if` and `set`. (Thanks to the [Nginx Devel Kit!](#))

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Directives

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`set_if_empty`

syntax: `set_if_empty $dst <src>`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: *rewrite*

Assign the value of the argument `<src>` if and only if variable `$dst` is empty (i.e., not found or has an empty string value).

In the following example,

```
set $a 32;
set_if_empty $a 56;
```

the variable `$dst` will take the value 32 at last. But in the sample

```
set $a '';
set $value "hello, world"
set_if_empty $a $value;
```

`$a` will take the value "hello, world" at last.

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set_quote_sql_str

syntax: *set_quote_sql_str \$dst <src>*

syntax: *set_quote_sql_str \$dst*

default: *no*

context: *location, location if*

phase: *rewrite*

category: *ndk_set_var_value*

When taking two arguments, this directive will quote the value of the second argument `<src>` by MySQL's string value quoting rule and assign the result into the first argument, variable `$dst`. For example,

```
location /test {
    set $value "hello\n\r'\\"";
    set_quote_sql_str $quoted $value;

    echo $quoted;
}
```

Then request `GET /test` will yield the following output

```
'hello\n\r'\\"'
```

Please note that we're using [echo-nginx-module](#)'s [echo directive](#) here to output values of nginx variables directly.

When taking a single argument, this directive will do in-place modification of the argument variable. For example,

```
location /test {
    set $value "hello\n\r'\\"";
    set_quote_sql_str $value;

    echo $value;
}
```

then request `GET /test` will give exactly the same output as the previous example.

This directive is usually used to prevent SQL injection.

This directive can be invoked by [lua-nginx-module](#)'s `ndk.set_var.DIRECTIVE` interface and [array-var-nginx-module](#)'s `array_map_op` directive.

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set_quote_pgsql_str

syntax: `set_quote_pgsql_str $dst <src>`

syntax: `set_quote_pgsql_str $dst`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: `rewrite`

category: `ndk_set_var_value`

Very much like [set_quote_sql_str](#), but with PostgreSQL quoting rules for SQL string literals.

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set_quote_json_str

syntax: `set_quote_json_str $dst <src>`

syntax: `set_quote_json_str $dst`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: *rewrite*

category: *ndk_set_var_value*

When taking two arguments, this directive will quote the value of the second argument `<src>` by JSON string value quoting rule and assign the result into the first argument, variable `$dst`. For example,

```
location /test {
    set $value "hello\n\r'\"";
    set_quote_json_str $quoted $value;

    echo $quoted;
}
```

Then request `GET /test` will yield the following output

```
"hello\n\r'\""
```

Please note that we're using [echo-nginx-module](#)'s [echo directive](#) here to output values of nginx variables directly.

When taking a single argument, this directive will do in-place modification of the argument variable. For example,

```
location /test {
    set $value "hello\n\r'\"";
    set_quote_json_str $value;

    echo $value;
}
```

then request `GET /test` will give exactly the same output as the previous example.

This directive can be invoked by [lua-nginx-module's](#) `ndk.set_var.DIRECTIVE` interface and [array-var-nginx-module's](#) `array_map_op` directive.

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set_unescape_uri

syntax: `set_unescape_uri $dst <src>`

syntax: `set_unescape_uri $dst`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: `rewrite`

category: `ndk_set_var_value`

When taking two arguments, this directive will unescape the value of the second argument `<src>` as a URI component and assign the result into the first argument, variable `$dst`. For example,

```
location /test {
    set_unescape_uri $key $arg_key;
    echo $key;
}
```

Then request `GET /test?key=hello+world%21` will yield the following output

```
hello world!
```

The nginx standard `$arg_PARAMETER` variable holds the raw (escaped) value of the URI parameter. So we need the `set_unescape_uri` directive to unescape it first.

Please note that we're using `echo-nginx-module`'s `echo` directive here to output values of nginx variables directly.

When taking a single argument, this directive will do in-place modification of the argument variable. For example,

```
location /test {
    set $key $arg_key;
    set_unescape_uri $key;

    echo $key;
}
```

then request `GET /test?key=hello+world%21` will give exactly the same output as the previous example.

This directive can be invoked by `lua-nginx-module`'s `ndk.set_var.DIRECTIVE` interface and `array-var-nginx-module`'s `array_map_op` directive.

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set_escape_uri

syntax: `set_escape_uri $dst <src>`

syntax: `set_escape_uri $dst`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: *rewrite*

category: *ndk_set_var_value*

Very much like the [set_unescape_uri](#) directive, but does the conversion the other way around, i.e., URL component escaping.

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set_hashed_upstream

syntax: *set_hashed_upstream \$dst <upstream_list_name> <src>*

default: *no*

context: *location, location if*

phase: *rewrite*

Hashes the string argument `<src>` into one of the upstream name included in the upstream list named `<upstream_list_name>`. The hash function being used is simple modulo.

Here's an example,

```
upstream moon { ... }
upstream sun { ... }
upstream earth { ... }

upstream_list universe moon sun earth;

location /test {
    set_unescape_uri $key $arg_key;
```

```
    set $list_name universe;
    set_hashed_upstream $backend $list_name $key;

    echo $backend;
}
```

Then `GET /test?key=blah` will output either "moon", "sun", or "earth", depending on the actual value of the `key` query argument.

This directive is usually used to compute an nginx variable to be passed to [memc-nginx-module](#)'s `memc_pass` directive, [redis2-nginx-module](#)'s `[[HttpRedis2Module#redis2_pass]]` directive, and [ngx_http_proxy_module](#)'s `proxy_pass` directive, among others.

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set_encode_base32

syntax: `set_encode_base32 $dst <src>`

syntax: `set_encode_base32 $dst`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: `rewrite`

category: `ndk_set_var_value`

When taking two arguments, this directive will encode the value of the second argument `<src>` to its base32(hex) digest and assign the result into the first argument, variable `$dst`. For example,


```
location /test {
    set $raw "abcde";
    set_encode_base32 $digest $raw;

    echo $digest;
}
```

Then request `GET /test` will yield the following output

```
c5h66p35
```

Please note that we're using [echo-nginx-module's echo directive](#) here to output values of nginx variables directly.

RFC forces the [A-Z-7] RFC-3548 compliant encoding, but we are using the "base32hex" encoding ([0-9a-v]) by default. The [set_base32_alphabet](#) directive (first introduced in v0.28) allows you to change the alphabet used for encoding/decoding so RFC-3548 compliant encoding is still possible by custom configurations.

By default, the `=` character is used to pad the left-over bytes due to alignment. But the padding behavior can be completely disabled by setting [set_base32_padding](#) `off` .

When taking a single argument, this directive will do in-place modification of the argument variable. For example,

```
location /test {
    set $value "abcde";
    set_encode_base32 $value;

    echo $value;
}
```

then request `GET /test` will give exactly the same output as the previous example.

This directive can be invoked by [lua-nginx-module](#)'s `ndk.set_var.DIRECTIVE` interface and [array-var-nginx-module](#)'s `array_map_op` directive.

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set_base32_padding

syntax: `set_base32_padding on|off`

default: `on`

context: `http, server, server if, location, location if`

phase: `no`

This directive can control whether to pad left-over bytes with the "=" character when encoding a base32 digest by the [set_encode_base32](#) directive.

This directive was first introduced in `v0.28`. If you use earlier versions of this module, then you should use [set_misc_base32_padding](#) instead.

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set_misc_base32_padding

syntax: `set_misc_base32_padding on|off`

default: `on`

context: *http, server, server if, location, location if*

phase: *no*

This directive has been deprecated since `v0.28`. Use [set_base32_padding](#) instead if you are using `v0.28+`.

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set_base32_alphabet

syntax: *set_base32_alphabet <alphabet>*

default: *"0123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"*

context: *http, server, server if, location, location if*

phase: *no*

This directive controls the alphabet used for encoding/decoding a base32 digest. It accepts a string containing the desired alphabet like "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ234567" for standard alphabet.

Extended (base32hex) alphabet is used by default.

This directive was first introduced in `v0.28`.

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set_decode_base32

syntax: *set_decode_base32 \$dst <src>*

syntax: *set_decode_base32 \$dst*

default: *no*

context: *location, location if*

phase: *rewrite*

category: *ndk_set_var_value*

Similar to the [set_encode_base32](#) directive, but does exactly the the opposite operation, .i.e, decoding a base32(hex) digest into its original form.

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set_encode_base64

syntax: *set_encode_base64 \$dst <src>*

syntax: *set_encode_base64 \$dst*

default: *no*

context: *location, location if*

phase: *rewrite*

category: *ndk_set_var_value*

When taking two arguments, this directive will encode the value of the second argument `<src>` to its base64 digest and assign the result into the first argument, variable `$dst` . For example,

```
location /test {
```

```
    set $raw "abcde";
    set_encode_base64 $digest $raw;

    echo $digest;
}
```

Then request `GET /test` will yield the following output

```
YWJjZGU=
```

Please note that we're using [echo-nginx-module](#)'s [echo directive](#) here to output values of nginx variables directly.

When taking a single argument, this directive will do in-place modification of the argument variable. For example,

```
location /test {
    set $value "abcde";
    set_encode_base64 $value;

    echo $value;
}
```

then request `GET /test` will give exactly the same output as the previous example.

This directive can be invoked by [lua-nginx-module](#)'s `ndk.set_var.DIRECTIVE` interface and [array-var-nginx-module](#)'s `array_map_op` directive.

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set_decode_base64

syntax: `set_decode_base64 $dst <src>`

syntax: `set_decode_base64 $dst`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: `rewrite`

category: `ndk_set_var_value`

Similar to the [set_encode_base64](#) directive, but does exactly the the opposite operation, .i.e, decoding a base64 digest into its original form.

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set_encode_hex

syntax: `set_encode_hex $dst <src>`

syntax: `set_encode_hex $dst`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: `rewrite`

category: `ndk_set_var_value`

When taking two arguments, this directive will encode the value of the second argument `<src>` to its hexadecimal digest and assign the result into the first argument, variable `$dst` . For example,

```
location /test {
    set $raw "章亦春";
    set_encode_hex $digest $raw;

    echo $digest;
}
```

Then request `GET /test` will yield the following output

```
e7aba0e4baa6e698a5
```

Please note that we're using [echo-nginx-module's echo directive](#) here to output values of nginx variables directly.

When taking a single argument, this directive will do in-place modification of the argument variable. For example,

```
location /test {
    set $value "章亦春";
    set_encode_hex $value;

    echo $value;
}
```

then request `GET /test` will give exactly the same output as the previous example.

This directive can be invoked by [lua-nginx-module's ndk.set_var.DIRECTIVE](#) interface and [array-var-nginx-module's array_map_op](#) directive.

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set_decode_hex

syntax: *set_decode_hex \$dst <src>*

syntax: *set_decode_hex \$dst*

default: *no*

context: *location, location if*

phase: *rewrite*

category: *ndk_set_var_value*

Similar to the [set_encode_hex](#) directive, but does exactly the the opposite operation, .i.e, decoding a hexadecimal digest into its original form.

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set_sha1

syntax: *set_sha1 \$dst <src>*

syntax: *set_sha1 \$dst*

default: *no*

context: *location, location if*

phase: *rewrite*

category: *ndk_set_var_value*

When taking two arguments, this directive will encode the value of the second argument `<src>` to its [SHA-1](#) digest and assign the result into the first argument, variable `$dst`. The hexadecimal form of the `SHA-1` digest will be generated automatically, use [set_decode_hex](#) to decode the result if you want the binary form of the `SHA-1` digest.

For example,

```
location /test {
    set $raw "hello";
    set_sha1 $digest $raw;

    echo $digest;
}
```

Then request `GET /test` will yield the following output

```
aaf4c61ddcc5e8a2dabede0f3b482cd9aea9434d
```

Please note that we're using [echo-nginx-module](#)'s [echo directive](#) here to output values of nginx variables directly.

When taking a single argument, this directive will do in-place modification of the argument variable. For example,

```
location /test {
    set $value "hello";
    set_sha1 $value;

    echo $value;
}
```

then request `GET /test` will give exactly the same output as the previous example.

This directive can be invoked by [lua-nginx-module's](#) `ndk.set_var.DIRECTIVE` interface and [array-var-nginx-module's](#) `array_map_op` directive.

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set_md5

syntax: `set_md5 $dst <src>`

syntax: `set_md5 $dst`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: `rewrite`

category: `ndk_set_var_value`

When taking two arguments, this directive will encode the value of the second argument `<src>` to its [MD5](#) digest and assign the result into the first argument, variable `$dst`. The hexadecimal form of the `MD5` digest will be generated automatically, use [set_decode_hex](#) to decode the result if you want the binary form of the `MD5` digest.

For example,

```
location /test {
    set $raw "hello";
    set_md5 $digest $raw;

    echo $digest;
}
```

Then request `GET /test` will yield the following output

```
5d41402abc4b2a76b9719d911017c592
```

Please note that we're using [echo-nginx-module](#)'s [echo directive](#) here to output values of nginx variables directly.

When taking a single argument, this directive will do in-place modification of the argument variable. For example,

```
location /test {
    set $value "hello";
    set_md5 $value;

    echo $value;
}
```

then request `GET /test` will give exactly the same output as the previous example.

This directive can be invoked by [lua-nginx-module](#)'s `ndk.set_var.DIRECTIVE` interface and [array-var-nginx-module](#)'s `array_map_op` directive.

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set_hmac_sha1

syntax: `set_hmac_sha1 $dst <secret_key> <src>`

syntax: `set_hmac_sha1 $dst`

default: `no`

context: *location, location if*

phase: *rewrite*

Computes the [HMAC-SHA1](#) digest of the argument `<src>` and assigns the result into the argument variable `$dst` with the secret key `<secret_key>` .

The raw binary form of the `HMAC-SHA1` digest will be generated, use [set_encode_base64](#), for example, to encode the result to a textual representation if desired.

For example,

```
location /test {
    set $secret 'thisisverysecretstuff';
    set $string_to_sign 'some string we want to sign';
    set_hmac_sha1 $signature $secret $string_to_sign;
    set_encode_base64 $signature $signature;
    echo $signature;
}
```

Then request `GET /test` will yield the following output

```
R/pvxzHC4NLtj7S+kXFg/NePTmk=
```

Please note that we're using [echo-nginx-module](#)'s [echo directive](#) here to output values of nginx variables directly.

This directive requires the OpenSSL library enabled in your Nginx build (usually by passing the `--with-http_ssl_module` option to the `./configure` script).

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set_random

syntax: `set_random $res <from> <to>`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: `rewrite`

Generates a (pseudo) random number (in textual form) within the range [`<from>`, `<to>`] (inclusive).

Only non-negative numbers are allowed for the `<from>` and `<to>` arguments.

When `<from>` is greater than `<to>`, their values will be exchanged accordingly.

For instance,

```
location /test {
    set $from 5;
    set $to 7;
    set_random $res $from $to;

    echo $res;
}
```

then request `GET /test` will output a number between 5 and 7 (i.e., among 5, 6, 7).

For now, there's no way to configure a custom random generator seed.

Behind the scene, it makes use of the standard C function `rand()`.

This directive was first introduced in the `v0.22rc1` release.

See also [set_secure_random_alphanumeric](#) and [set_secure_random_lcalpha](#).

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set_secure_random_alphanumeric

syntax: `set_secure_random_alphanumeric $res <length>`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: `rewrite`

Generates a cryptographically-strong random string `<length>` characters long with the alphabet `[a-zA-Z0-9]`.

`<length>` may be between 1 and 64, inclusive.

For instance,

```
location /test {
    set_secure_random_alphanumeric $res 32;

    echo $res;
}
```

then request `GET /test` will output a string like `ivVVRP2DGaAqDmdf3Rv4ZDJ7k0gOfASz`.

This functionality depends on the presence of the `/dev/urandom` device, available on most UNIX-like systems.

See also [set_secure_random_lalpha](#) and [set_random](#).

This directive was first introduced in the `v0.22rc8` release.

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set_secure_random_lalpha

syntax: `set_secure_random_lalpha $res <length>`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: `rewrite`

Generates a cryptographically-strong random string `<length>` characters long with the alphabet `[a-z]`.

`<length>` may be between 1 and 64, inclusive.

For instance,

```
location /test {
    set_secure_random_lalpha $res 32;

    echo $res;
}
```

then request `GET /test` will output a string like `kcuxcddkttffsippuekhshdac1aquiusj`.

This functionality depends on the presence of the `/dev/urandom` device, available on most UNIX-like systems.

This directive was first introduced in the `v0.22rc8` release.

See also [set_secure_random_alphanum](#) and [set_random](#).

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set_rotate

syntax: `set_rotate $value <from> <to>`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: `rewrite`

Increments `$value` but keeps it in range from `<from>` to `<to>`. If `$value` is greater than `<to>` or less than `<from>` is will be set to `<from>` value.

The current value after running this directive will always be saved on a per-location basis. And the this saved value will be used for incrementation when the `$value` is not initialized or has a bad value.

Only non-negative numbers are allowed for the `<from>` and `<to>` arguments.

When `<from>` is greater than `<to>`, their values will be exchanged accordingly.

For instance,

```
location /rotate {
    default_type text/plain;
    set $counter $cookie_counter;
```



```
    set_rotate $counter 1 5;
    echo $counter;
    add_header Set-Cookie counter=$counter;
}
```

then request `GET /rotate` will output next number between 1 and 5 (i.e., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) on each refresh of the page. This directive may be useful for banner rotation purposes.

Another example is to use server-side value persistence to do simple round-robin:

```
location /rotate {
    default_type text/plain;
    set_rotate $counter 0 3;
    echo $counter;
}
```

And accessing `/rotate` will also output integer sequence 0, 1, 2, 3, 0, 1, 2, 3, and so on.

This directive was first introduced in the `v0.22rc7` release.

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set_local_today

syntax: `set_local_today $dst`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: `rewrite`

Set today's date ("yyyy-mm-dd") in localtime to the argument variable `$dst` .

Here's an example,

```
location /today {
    set_local_today $today;
    echo $today;
}
```

then request `GET /today` will output something like

```
2011-08-16
```

and year, the actual date you get here will vary every day ;)

Behind the scene, this directive utilizes the `ngx_time` API in the Nginx core, so usually no syscall is involved due to the time caching mechanism in the Nginx core.

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set_formatted_gmt_time

syntax: `set_formatted_gmt_time $res <time-format>`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: `rewrite`

Set a formatted GMT time to variable `$res` (as the first argument) using the format string in the second argument.

All the conversion specification notations in the standard C function `strftime` are supported, like `%Y` (for 4-digit years) and `%M` (for minutes in decimal). See <http://linux.die.net/man/3/strftime> for a complete list of conversion specification symbols.

Below is an example:

```
location = /t {
    set_formatted_gmt_time $timestr "%a %b %e %H:%M:%S %Y GMT";
    echo $timestr;
}
```

Accessing `/t` yields the output

```
Fri Dec 13 15:34:37 2013 GMT
```

This directive was first added in the `0.23` release.

See also [set_formatted_local_time](#).

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set_formatted_local_time

syntax: `set_formatted_local_time $res <time-format>`

default: `no`

context: `location, location if`

phase: *rewrite*

Set a formatted local time to variable `$res` (as the first argument) using the format string in the second argument.

All the conversion specification notations in the standard C function `strftime` are supported, like `%Y` (for 4-digit years) and `%M` (for minutes in decimal). See <http://linux.die.net/man/3/strftime> for a complete list of conversion specification symbols.

Below is an example:

```
location = /t {
    set_formatted_local_time $timestr "%a %b %e %H:%M:%S %Y %Z";
    echo $timestr;
}
```

Accessing `/t` yields the output

```
Fri Dec 13 15:42:15 2013 PST
```

This directive was first added in the `0.23` release.

See also [set_formatted_gmt_time](#).

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Caveats

Do not use `$arg_PARAMETER`, `$cookie_COOKIE`, `$http_HEADER` or other special variables defined in the Nginx core module as the target variable in this module's directives. For instance,

```
set_if_empty $arg_user 'foo'; # DO NOT USE THIS!
```

may lead to segmentation faults.

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Installation

This module is included and enabled by default in the [OpenResty bundle](#). If you want to install this module manually with your own Nginx source tarball, then follow the steps below:

Grab the nginx source code from [nginx.org](#), for example, the version 1.11.2 (see [nginx compatibility](#)), and then build the source with this module:

```
wget 'http://nginx.org/download/nginx-1.11.2.tar.gz'
tar -xzvf nginx-1.11.2.tar.gz
cd nginx-1.11.2/

# Here we assume you would install you nginx under /opt/nginx/.
./configure --prefix=/opt/nginx \
  --with-http_ssl_module \
  --add-module=/path/to/nginx_devel_kit \
  --add-module=/path/to/set-misc-nginx-module

make -j2
make install
```

Download the latest version of the release tarball of this module from [set-misc-nginx-module file list](#), and the latest tarball for [ngx_devel_kit](#) from its [file list](#).

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Building as a dynamic module

Starting from NGINX 1.9.11, you can also compile this module as a dynamic module, by using the `--add-dynamic-module=PATH` option instead of `--add-module=PATH` on the `./configure` command line above. And then you can explicitly load the module in your `nginx.conf` via the `load_module` directive, for example,

```
load_module /path/to/modules/ndk_http_module.so; # assuming NDK is built as a dynamic module too
load_module /path/to/modules/nginx_http_set_misc_module.so;
```

Also, this module is included and enabled by default in the [OpenResty bundle](#).

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Compatibility

The following versions of Nginx should work with this module:

- **1.11.x** (last tested: 1.11.2)
- **1.10.x**
- **1.9.x** (last tested: 1.9.15)
- **1.8.x**
- **1.7.x** (last tested: 1.7.10)
- **1.6.x**
- **1.5.x** (last tested: 1.5.8)
- **1.4.x** (last tested: 1.4.4)

- **1.2.x** (last tested: 1.2.9)
- **1.1.x** (last tested: 1.1.5)
- **1.0.x** (last tested: 1.0.15)
- **0.9.x** (last tested: 0.9.4)
- **0.8.x** (last tested: 0.8.54)
- **0.7.x >= 0.7.46** (last tested: 0.7.68)

If you find that any particular version of Nginx above 0.7.46 does not work with this module, please consider [reporting a bug](#).

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Report Bugs

Although a lot of effort has been put into testing and code tuning, there must be some serious bugs lurking somewhere in this module. So whenever you are bitten by any quirks, please don't hesitate to

1. send a bug report or even patches to the [openresty-en mailing list](#),
2. or create a ticket on the [issue tracking interface](#) provided by GitHub.

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Source Repository

Available on github at [openresty/set-misc-nginx-module](#).

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Changes

The change logs for every release of this module can be obtained from the OpenResty bundle's change logs:

<http://openresty.org/#Changes>

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Test Suite

This module comes with a Perl-driven test suite. The [test cases](#) are [declarative](#) too. Thanks to the [Test::Nginx](#) module in the Perl world.

To run it on your side:

```
$ PATH=/path/to/your/nginx-with-set-misc-module:$PATH prove -r t
```

You need to terminate any Nginx processes before running the test suite if you have changed the Nginx server binary.

Because a single nginx server (by default, `localhost:1984`) is used across all the test scripts (`.t` files), it's meaningless to run the test suite in parallel by specifying `-jN` when invoking the `prove` utility.

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Getting involved

You'll be very welcomed to submit patches to the [author](#) or just ask for a commit bit to the [source repository](#) on GitHub.

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