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## Introduction

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Welcome to mod\_spin for Apache 2.2+ from Rexursive(R)  
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mod\_spin is an Apache module that provides the following functionality (in conjunction with some other modules):

- a simple template language with data replacement capabilities only
- persistent application and session data tracking
- dynamic linking of applications into Apache as shared libraries
- parameters, cookies and multipart/form-data parsing via libapreq2
- simple API for (kind of) MVC controller functionality
- simple API for pooled (or not) access to SQL databases via APR DBD

mod\_spin is written in C, just like Apache itself and it uses APR, which was written to be cross platform, secure and perform well. Generally speaking, you should see speed improvements when compared to Java, PHP and Perl solutions, sometimes even by an order of magnitude.

This software exists to enable easy development and deployment of high performance web applications written in C (or perhaps even other languages) on Linux (or Unix) systems running Apache. It should be particularly easy to do that on systems that run RPM packaging system, such as Fedora, Red Hat Enterprise Linux, CentOS and similar distributions. Obviously, other types of packages can be built too, but RPM support is already in mod\_spin.

How does mod\_spin work?  
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mod\_spin is a content handler and/or a filter, meaning, for a specified file extension, mod\_spin will read the file (or other input), parse it into an Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) and then replace the occurrences of references with values coming from the application (this is where mod\_spin is similar to Velocity). There is no predefined file extension for mod\_spin templates. I sometimes use ".sm" for "spin macro", but you can use whatever you like, as long as you tell Apache what that is.

The application, a shared library (or .so), is dynamically linked at run-time (i.e. when the request is handled by Apache) and its entry functions are

called, one when the library is dynamically linked into Apache, one during the fixup phase of the request and one during the handler phase. These functions take one argument, which is a structure containing the context. The context holds the data to be replaced, parsed parameters, session and application information and the current request. It then executes whatever code is appropriate for the current request, most likely based on the URI and the parameters (this completely depends on what the application actually does, of course). This execution results in data structures holding the values that are to be placed into the template. This data is then placed inside the template by traversing the AST and replacing references with values. The end result (a bucket brigade) is given to Apache output filters to push out into the world (and possibly modify the content as well).

Before the application entry functions are called, mod\_spin takes care of application and session tracking (it relies on cookies for that). It does that in a persistent manner (i.e. the values associated with the application and session are stored in an SQL database or XML files). Apache Portable Runtime DBD layer is used to provide access to various SQL backends, like PostgreSQL, MySQL, SQLite2/3, Oracle etc.

What are mod\_spin applications?

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They are simply shared libraries. You would normally get those as a result of writing, compiling and linking a set C program files. You can, of course, get those as a result of compiling and linking some other language. Keep in mind that mod\_spin expects its data in a particular way. IF THAT'S NOT FOLLOWED, MANY THINGS WILL BREAK AND YOU MIGHT CAUSE SECURITY PROBLEMS ON YOUR SYSTEM.

That being said, mod\_spin applications are probably not for someone that isn't comfortable with application development in C. If you're looking for a scripting language, mod\_spin isn't it. Actually, one of the main reasons for writing mod\_spin was that I wanted full access to C Unix API but without the need to hammer (X)HTML out of my code. With mod\_spin you can keep your focus on business logic and forget presentation for the most part.

See sections "Service function", "Prepare function" and "Init function" for all the details related to the entry points into the application.

Why not CSP (C Server Pages)?

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C Server Pages are an implementation similar to JSP (Java Server Pages), but unlike JSP, feature C language snippets, not Java, placed into HTML. Such page is then converted into a C program, compiled and then linked into a shared library, which is dynamically linked into Apache at run-time. In essence, it taps directly into the C run-time system, just like mod\_spin does. It is probably faster because it does no template processing.

However, just like JSP, it suffers from similar problems. The first one is a confusing mix of C programming language with HTML. This makes it completely unusable (on the presentation level) by non-experts, even if trivial changes to the page are required (i.e. a spelling fix can cause serious functionality problems, even security violations), not to mention that the mixed code is truly unreadable. The second one is the "translate -> compile -> link -> dynamic link -> run" process, which creates further complications and opens up the possibilities for strange run-time errors. And finally, a full C development environment has to be installed on the system running CSP, in case any of the pages ever get changed. These arguments are more or less the same as the one when a template language such as Velocity is compared to JSP.

mod\_spin avoids the above by defining a simple, data replacement only, template language and leaves all of the programming logic where it belongs - in the application. At the same time, the application behaves mostly (but not completely) neutral as far as presentation of data is concerned. It is almost irrelevant what the output is going to look like, so most of the time programmers are only busy working on functionality, not looks.

The above arguments, however, don't cut it for everyone (as I have observed in my encounters with other developers), so if you're one of those, mod\_spin is probably not for you.

#### Security concerns =====

Just like anything else written in C, if you aren't careful, you can shoot yourself in the foot quite effectively. Buffer overflows and similar problems can, however, be avoided if problematic functions aren't used and good programming practices followed. mod\_spin makes heavy use of APR, which is an example of an API that was designed from the ground up to be secure.

Even if you're most careful, security problems can happen. It is therefore good to follow guidelines for secure Apache setup. In extreme circumstances (e.g. when you're allowing others to deploy their own applications into Apache running mod\_spin), IT IS ADVISABLE TO RUN A SEPARATE INSTANCE OF APACHE, BEHIND THE MAIN SERVER, WITH A SOLE PURPOSE OF RUNNING MOD\_SPIN APPLICATIONS. Virtual hosting for multiple clients is one of the examples where such a scenario might be effective. Applying chroot jail, SELinux and/or running different Apache instances under different user IDs on unprivileged ports will go a long way toward ensuring that even if someone breaks in, the potential for damage is minimal. Also, technologies like GCC's stack protector, kernel's exec-shield and NX bits may prove useful.

Here are some very important security implications that may arise from the use of mod\_spin. This is in relation to connection pools. To understand the issues involved, one needs to understand how Apache deals with multiple client connections.

Apache will generally spin up numerous processes or threads in order to handle multiple connections from clients. There is no guarantee that a process/thread that handled one client's connection will handle it again in the future. The process/thread will be assigned at Apache's discretion. So, it is possible, even likely, that a process that handled something related to one client, handles another client next time. If there is anything in the memory space of this process/thread left over from the previous client, it will be completely accessible to the next client. Applications of mod\_spin, shared libraries, are linked directly into the running process and they have full access to the memory space of that process.

The above means that an application can fetch any previously opened connection from the pool of connections and use it at will. Depending on how this connection was opened in the first place (by the original client), this will enable reading and/or writing of data that otherwise might not be accessible. IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS IS A SERIOUS SECURITY IMPLICATION.

Generally speaking, you should make sure that mod\_spin applications linked into an instance of Apache are all from the same "security realm". For instance, if you're using mod\_spin to enable dynamic applications virtually hosted on a single server (machine) for your customers, allowing two different customers to deploy mod\_spin application into the same instance of Apache will allow them to read/write each other's databases. This might be accidental or, more seriously, intentional and malicious. YOU SHOULD ABSOLUTELY MAKE SURE THAT SUCH APPLICATIONS ARE DEPLOYED INTO DIFFERENT INSTANCES OF APACHE, RUNNING UNDER DIFFERENT USER ACCOUNTS!

General recommendation is: if you don't have full control over all applications and you're using session/application, SQL/XML based, persistent store and/or connection pools, you should have separate instances of Apache for each identifiable "security realm".

#### Stability =====

If you ever wrote a C program, you know that one of the most dreadful things

is the infamous Segmentation Fault (SIGSEGV, Signal 11). It happens when your program tries to dereference a memory location that is invalid, such as NULL. mod\_spin makes reasonable effort to ensure that the raw data it handles (the template, session and application data, parameters, cookies etc.) is processed in a manner that produces no segfaults. As for the context, the data that your own application prepares, mod\_spin doesn't have any control over what's in there. It will take certain precautions against obvious stuff like NULL pointers, but some of the other errors might be complicated to detect and handle. And because mod\_spin is a small and lightweight piece of software, it doesn't do any of that. It simply relies on you (yes, that's YOU!) that the data placed in the context is going to be good.

If the data is not good, the code will segfault, bringing down with it the child Apache process inside which it was executing. This is not a big concern from Apache's point of view, as the parent process will fork as many new processes as it needs - however, your server might suffer a denial of service attack because of this. So, make your context data good!

Note that the above scenario is only applicable to the prefork Apache MPM. Other MPM modules might behave in a different way (i.e. more than one thread of Apache can be affected), so keep that in mind when deploying mod\_spin under those scenarios.

#### Memory management

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Apache Portable Runtime uses memory pools for most memory allocation and mod\_spin naturally follows. It is a good and fast approach. However, some memory pools may have rather long life cycle. Although the code of mod\_spin tries to avoid these long lasting pools whenever possible, it is sometimes unavoidable to have things put into them. Also, connection pools will be associated with the process pool (i.e. objects from the connection pool may be pointing to objects from the process pool for longer than one request). This can lead, over time and given huge number of requests, to small memory leaks.

To avoid this, Apache comes with a configuration directive that helps in reduction of such problems. This directive is MaxRequestsPerChild, and it is set to 10,000 by default. You may also want to consider using MaxMemFree directive, which forces Apache's pool machinery to release free memory more aggressively. Making changes to both of these directives may have performance implications, so test in your scenario before applying.

#### Language construct overview

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The template language of mod\_spin is simple, it has a loop and a few forms of conditionals. You can see some examples below.

Loop:

```
#for({reference})
    text within the loop and a ${reference.column}
#end
```

Conditionals:

```
#if({reference})
    ${reference} is not NULL
#else
    ${reference} is NULL
#end

#if({reference} == "literal text")
    ${reference} equals text
#else
    ${reference} doesn't equal text
#end
```

```

#if({reference} == ${anotherreference})
    ${reference} equals ${anotherreference}
#else
    ${reference} doesn't equal ${anotherreference}
#end

#if(${reference} == 3)
    the size of ${reference} equals 3
#else
    the size ${reference} doesn't equal 3
#end

#if(${reference.column} % 2 == 0)
    current index of ${reference.column} is divisible by 2
#else
    current index of ${reference.column} is not divisible by 2
#end

```

Conditionals can also be reversed in meaning, by using #unless instead of #if. All valid #if constructs are possible with #unless as well. Here is an example:

```

#unless({reference})
    ${reference} is NULL
#else
    ${reference} is not NULL
#end

```

Data types and loops  
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You can place two different types of data in the context: single and rows.

Singles are simply character strings. They are pointed to by a char\* and limited by the length. Generally, mod\_spin does not rely on '\0' being present at the end of the string. However, regular C APIs mostly handle strings that have the ending '\0' character. Therefore, all single data, although being declared as 'size' in length, actually gets a '\0' character at the end (naturally, the space for this character is allocated when the single is created). This is very useful when communicating with regular C APIs, as it saves a lot of copying and memory allocation. If you design your own functions that create single data, you MUST FOLLOW THIS CONVENTION OR YOU'RE SETTING YOURSELF UP FOR A WHOLE HEAP OF BUFFER OVERFLOWS!

Rows are data that looks a lot like something that would be returned from an SQL query: there are named columns and data contains certain number of rows. However, unlike what's returned by SQL queries (i.e. single pieces of data), each actual piece of data can again be either rows or single. This then enables nesting of multiple data dimensions. The nested #for loops are used to spin around such data. That's where the name mod\_spin comes from.

The final data type that is replaced into the template is always single. mod\_spin doesn't know how to replace full rows because the presentation would be undefined. That's why you have to use #for loops to spin around rows data type to place the singles contained there in their correct places inside the template.

References  
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They come in three flavours:

```

${reference} - the value (text, rows) of the reference (regular reference)
${#reference} - the size of the reference (size reference)
${@reference} - current index of the reference within the loop (index ref.)

```

The first form is straightforward as it simply takes the value of the reference and it uses that. Used within text, only singles get substituted. Used in a #for loop, singles get looped around once, rows get the number of loops equivalent to the number of rows.

The second form takes the size of the reference, which for singles means the length of the text and for rows the number of rows in each of the columns. This form doesn't make sense in a #for loop and if placed there it will be treated as a regular reference.

The third form takes the current index of the reference within a loop, if applicable. Indexes start at 1. If the index wouldn't make sense (e.g. the reference is a single, there is no loop etc.), it is treated as zero or as NULL in conditionals and replaced with "0" if placed within text. This form doesn't make sense in a #for loop and if placed there it will be treated as a regular reference.

Text  
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Any text that isn't part of the #for loop or #if/#unless, will be literally copied into the output. The space occupied by #for, #if and #unless will not be space filled in the output, but removed as if it never existed.

References, which are case sensitive, placed inside the text will be replaced with their values from the context or nothing if that value is NULL or the reference does not exist. References are never recursively substituted (this may create denial of service or security problems and it is therefore avoided). If such functionality is desired, it belongs in your application.

Loops  
=====

These are quite simple:

```
#for(${reference})
    text within the loop and a ${reference.column}
#end
```

You can only use regular references to loop around and other types of references placed in #for will be treated as regular. For instance:

```
#for($#{reference})
    some text here
#end
```

is the same as:

```
#for(${reference})
    some text here
#end
```

The #for loop won't spin if the data it is supposed to process is NULL. This can happen if the appropriate data for the reference cannot be found in the context, or if the value of it is NULL.

Conditionals  
=====

The only other command in mod\_spin apart from #for loop is the conditional, as shown above in the overview. Again, it looks like this, for the simplest of expressions (i.e. a reference):

```
#if(${reference})
    something if ${reference} is not NULL
#else
    something if ${reference} is NULL
```



```
#end
```

or the negative variant:

```
#unless(${reference})
    something if ${reference} is NULL
#else
    something if ${reference} is not NULL
#end
```

You can also use:

```
#if(${ref}) something #end
#if(${ref}) something #else#end
#if(${ref})#else something #end
```

and naturally:

```
#unless(${ref}) something #end
#unless(${ref}) something #else#end
#unless(${ref})#else something #end
```

Expressions valid in conditionals

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An expression placed inside `#if` or `#unless` always starts with a reference and placing anything else on the left is an error (or more explicitly, a parsing error). Here are all the forms of expressions allowed in conditionals and when they yield truth:

```
#if(${ref})    - ref exists and is not NULL
#if(${#{ref}}) - the size of ref is greater than zero
#if(${@{ref}}) - the current index of ref is greater than zero

#if(${ref} =~ /regex/) - ref matches Perl compatible regular expression regex
#if(${#{ref}} =~ /regex/) - size of ref, as string, matches regex
#if(${@{ref}} =~ /regex/) - index of ref, as string, matches regex

#if(${ref} == "str") - ref is the same as literal string str
#if(${#{ref}} == "str") - size of ref, as string, is the same as string str
#if(${@{ref}} == "str") - index of ref, as string, is the same as string str

#if(${ref} == num) - ref, as number, equals num (integer >= 0)
#if(${#{ref}} == num) - size of ref is num
#if(${@{ref}} == num) - index of ref is num

#if(${ref1} == ${ref2}) - ref1 is equal to ref2, as strings
#if(${ref1} == ${#{ref2}}) - ref1 is equal to size of ref2, as strings
#if(${ref1} == ${@{ref2}}) - ref1 is equal to index of ref2, as strings

#if(${#{ref1}} == ${ref2}) - size ref1 is equal to ref2, as numbers
#if(${#{ref1}} == ${#{ref2}}) - size ref1 is equal to size of ref2
#if(${#{ref1}} == ${@{ref2}}) - size ref1 is equal to index of ref2

#if(${@{ref1}} == ${ref2}) - index of ref1 is equal to ref2, as numbers
#if(${@{ref1}} == ${#{ref2}}) - index of ref1 is equal to size of ref2
#if(${@{ref1}} == ${@{ref2}}) - index of ref1 is equal to index of ref2

#if(${ref} % mod == num) - ref, as number, modulo mod (integer > 0) is num
#if(${#{ref}} % mod == num) - size of ref modulo mod is num
#if(${@{ref}} % mod == num) - index of ref modulo mod is num
```

Regular expression matches, integer comparisons, literal string, reference to reference and modulo expression comparisons don't work for regular references that are not singles and they will always yield false. No pointer comparisons are ever done, so attempting to compare rows type data will always fail. Of course, all this cannot be determined at parse time, but at runtime. As you

can see, in expressions with a reference on the right, the reference on the left is the "master" and it determines the type of comparison done in the expression. For regular references, this is a string comparison (i.e. text is compared, not pointers), for sizes and indexes, it is a numerical comparison.

Numbers, except mod in the modulo expression, are all integers greater or equal zero. Literal strings are double quoted (e.g. "a string"). To escape the double quote itself, use "a string with a \" in it". Regular expressions are specified withing slashes (e.g. /^begin.\*\$/). To escape the slash, use a backslash before it: /^begin\/.\*\$/). Note that mod\_spin isn't aware of any character encodings and from its perspective bytes are characters. If you need to make comparisons that take into account character encodings, you will have to do that inside your applications (for now).

Indexes for singles and rows outside a relevant loop are assumed to be zero.

If reference on the left doesn't exist or is NULL, the whole expression will always evaluate to false and the bit after #else (if any) will end up being processed.

Regular references are converted to numbers using the atol() function, so strings that don't start with numbers turn out as zero.

Loops, conditionals and impossible references  
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Normally, mod\_spin template will look something like this:

```
First text ${ref1}
#for(${ref2})
    replicate some other text and ${ref2.col1}
#end
```

The \${ref1} will be replaced with the value found in the context, if the data it points to is a single, or nothing at all if the data it points to is of type rows. The #for loop will spin around \${ref2} and replicate the enclosing text for all instances of data that \${ref2} points to. The \${ref2.col1} will be replaced with the current row value of the column "col1", if \${ref2} happens to be a data type rows and \${ref2.col1} resolves to a data type single for the current row.

Now let's examine an example where impossible references are used:

```
First text ${impossible.reference}
#for(${second.impossible.reference})
    replicate some other text and ${second.impossible.reference.column}
#end
```

The first reference \${impossible.reference}, can never be found in the context because there is no #for loop to spin the data in \${impossible} in order to find \${impossible.reference}. So, when creating the AST, mod\_spin will simply ignore this reference. The reference used to spin the #for loop, \${second.impossible.reference}, is also something that cannot exist, so mod\_spin will ignore the whole loop and never place any of it into AST.

Note that this is different from the first code snippet with, for instance, the value of \${ref2} being NULL, or not existing at all. The parsed #for loop and the text it encloses will be placed into the AST, but it won't be replicated because there is no data to spin the loop around.

The above discussion applies to conditional statements as well. For instance:

```
First text ${impossible.reference}
#if(${second.impossible.reference})
    replicate some other text and ${second.impossible.reference.column}
#end
```

The above example would yield exactly the same output as the previous example with the `#for` loop. However, if you use the `#else`, then whatever is placed within it will be used. For instance:

```
First text ${impossible.reference}
#if(${second.impossible.reference})
    replicate some other text and ${second.impossible.reference.column}
#else
    this will always be in the output
#end
```

In the above example, the text placed between `#else` and `#end` will always be in the output, because the `#if` would never be true, given that the reference is impossible.

Similarly, other conditional forms behave as expected, because they always have a reference on the left hand side. For instance:

```
#if(${#impossible.reference} == 3)
    this will never be visible
#else
    this will always be visible
#end
```

And here is one example for the `#unless`, the negative conditional:

```
#unless(${second.impossible.reference})
    replicate some other text and ${second.impossible.reference.column}
#end
```

The above will always end up in the output, because the reference is impossible.

References with explicit indexes  
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It is possible to use references that have an explicit index within a `#for` loop. It is done like this:

```
#for({abc})
    Reference with implicit index: ${abc.xyz}
    Reference with explicit index: ${abc.xyz[3]}
#end
```

The second line within the loop above would always display the third row (provided the data there is single) of the "xyz" column in "abc" rows.

Such references can be use anywhere where they can be successfully resolved. For instance, this should also work (i.e. produce output):

Outside any loop: `${abc.xyz[3].x[2]}`

Provided, of course, that `abc` is rows containing column `xyz` that has at least three rows, containing column `x`, which has at least two rows and the second element in that column is a single.

Service function  
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Service function is the main entry function into your application. It is called in the handler phase of request processing and BEFORE template processing, so it has the potential to change which template is going to be processed (only when used as a handler) as well as to decline or do the processing completely.

If `SpinApplication` isn't specified, the shared library will not be loaded at all, but the template will be processed as normal. However, there will be no

data in the context and therefore none will be placed in the final output.

The entry function (by default called `rxv_spin_service()`) takes one argument - the context. It returns an integer which is similar to what an Apache handler would return. Please note that when using `mod_spin` as a filter, the only valid return code is OK.

The meaning of return codes is as follows:

OK: Everything was OK, commit application/session store and continue with template processing. Note here that by manipulating filename field within the `request_rec` structure, you can change which template is to be processed. Make sure other fields (e.g. `finfo`) that are related to filename are properly updated as well.

HTTP\_ERROR (e.g. `HTTP_INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR`): Stop all processing and give control back to Apache request processing. Don't commit application/session store, since there was an error in processing.

ANYTHING ELSE: Commit application/session store and give control back to Apache request processing without processing the template.

Some examples of ANYTHING ELSE would be:

REDIRECT (e.g. `HTTP_TEMPORARY_REDIRECT`): Any further processing should not be done as this request is going to be externally redirected. Note here that the application HAS TO set the "Location" header in `headers_out`. Failing that, the client will have problems.

DECLINED or DONE: The service function either decided it's not something this handler should do (DECLINED) or has done all the work on behalf of it (DONE). These are short-circuit return codes that will greatly affect Apache request processing, so be careful with them.

Prepare function  
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There is an extra hook that is called before the request is handled, in the `fixup` phase of Apache request processing. By default, this function is called `rxv_spin_prepare()` and it takes one argument - the context. It is called if it exists in the shared library.

The main purpose of the hook is to allow application writers to insert their code before the actual request processing. This comes in handy, especially if you want some code executed for URIs that aren't handled by the `mod_spin` handler, but fall under the application umbrella. For instance, you can have authentication code in this function, thus using a `mod_spin` application to regulate access to all URIs of a configured application (see `spin_app` for an example).

This function is not called for sub-requests. It is also not called unless an application is configured for that particular request (i.e. per virtual host, directory, location etc.).

Please note that at the point of call of this function, request parameters have not been parsed yet by `libapreq2`. Meaning, although you do get the context, you are getting only some of the information that is normally available to the `rxv_spin_service()` function. This was designed on purpose, since some of the requests that pass through here may not be handled by `mod_spin` handler at all. In other words, we are not consuming the body of the requests here.

The function returns an integer, which can be OK, DECLINED, DONE or any other HTTP\_code. It will be returned back to the caller (i.e. Apache hook machinery) directly from the `fixup` hook.

Init function

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This function, if exists, will be called when the application is dynamically linked into Apache. It is used for process specific initialisation. By default, this function is called `rxv_spin_init()`. It takes context as an argument, but it doesn't return any values.

The code of `mod_spin` will allow only a single thread to execute this function at a time. However, if the function is such that it should be called only once per process, the function itself will have to make sure code isn't executed more than once.

You can attach pool cleanup function(s) to process specific pool if there is a need to clean up after the init function. This should be done in the init function itself.

Loading of applications

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All loading of shared libraries is done using `apr_dso_load()` call from APR, so `mod_spin` makes sure that each process keeps cache of loaded DSOs and that it opens a particular library only once. This is done to avoid registration of a pool cleanup for each call to `apr_dso_load()`, which would quickly grow process pool. Once the new applications are deployed, in order to reliably reload them, the main Apache process has to be gracefully restarted, so that all child processes die and new ones replace them. This will ensure new applications are loaded across the board.

Maximum nesting depth

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The combined nesting depth of `#for` and `#if/#unless` commands is limited to `RXV_SPIN_MAX_DEPTH`, as defined in `private.h`, which is currently 32. Why have such a limit and why is the limit so low?

The limit is there to make the code of `mod_spin` simple and fast and to avoid logic errors in templates caused by inadvertent use of deep nesting. The limit is low because templates that require nesting depth anywhere near this limit are doing something very, very wrong.

However, if you find that this is not adequate for you, for whatever reason, feel free to modify `private.h` and recompile.

Presentation issues and the application

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You'll find that some of the presentation level decisions will be done within your application as well (huh?). When given the choice of placing some presentation level logic into the application as compared to contaminating the template with business logic, I have chosen to go with the former. Cleverly designed application will have a separate part that makes data generated by business logic into a presentation friendly format.

For instance, when (X)HTML pages are created, some characters, like `'''` and `&'` have special meaning. Business logic won't bother itself with making sure those are escaped. However, the part of your application that makes sure presentation is nice, will. Another example is a list of items on the page that should have rows displayed in alternating colours (this particular problem can be solved by newer version of CSS, but the browsers that support that are still not in widespread use). Business logic, again, won't bother itself with that.

How do I include other templates?

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I find that duplicating functionality is not a good thing. So, I tried to stay away from that. Apache already has `mod_include`, which can be used as a filter

or a handler and provides excellent support for inclusion of other files.

If the files that you're including are not dynamic (at least not very dynamic), you should even consider generating finished files beforehand, using some of the available replacement techniques, such as XSLT. This will be good for the performance of your web server. It is worth an effort to reduce what's dynamic to a minimum.

#### Session and application tracking =====

mod\_spin relies on mod\_unique\_id to provide a unique session identifier by producing an MD5 hash of it. It then produces an HMAC MD5 of the hash, using the crypto salt (key). Both of these (unique id hash and the HMAC) are then served to the client in a cookie, usually called SpinSession. Only if both of these are returned back to the server correctly, will mod\_spin use this unique id as the session id. Otherwise, the session simply won't exist. This should make both guessing of session identifiers and denials of service attacks caused by opening of fake sessions significantly more difficult.

You must define SpinCookie configuration parameter, or the sessions won't be supported for that application at all.

Each session will have corresponding record in the table specified by SpinStoreTable configuration directive, of the SQL database you point to using SpinStore configuration directive. The application will have a record identified with "\_\_application" in the same table as well. Through a simple API, you can get values for each key, either on the application level (i.e. shared among multiple sessions) or session level (i.e. private session data). If you configure file based store backend, application will store its data in the "\_\_application" file located in the directory specified in SpinStore directive. Each session will have its own data stored in the same directory, in the file named after the session ID. Format of these files and records in SQL database is XML.

The maintenance of stale sessions is easy. Simply define a cron job that goes around and deletes from the table whatever is older than you like. SpinTimeout configuration directive (if defined above zero) won't actually delete any records from the table - the parameter is used to determine when the data of the session is too old and should therefore be ignored. You need to have an outside job for cleaning records that are very old. Ditto for file based backend store, except that session files (instead of SQL records) that haven't been accessed for a certain amount of time should be removed.

Although basic concepts have been pinched from JSP/Servlet world, applications have a slightly different meaning in mod\_spin. Basically, whatever uses the same application database file falls under the "same application" umbrella. You can configure SpinStore per server, virtual host, directory or location. So, applications can cross boundaries freely. Sessions are also following the same rule, so you can have multiple session private data for different definitions of SpinStore.

#### Application configuration =====

Each application can (but doesn't have to) have a configuration file. The filename is specified via the SpinAppConfig run-time configuration directive. The file is regular XML and it looks like this:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE spin [
  <!ELEMENT s (p*)>
  <!ELEMENT p (#PCDATA)>
  <!ATTLIST p n CDATA #REQUIRED>
]>
<s>
  <p n="spinparameter1">The value associated with spinparameter1</p>
```

```
<p n="spinparameter2">The value associated with spinparameter2</p>
</s>
```

It is preferred to include the DTD in the document (it is only small) in order to avoid parsing problems.

The configuration is loaded and reloaded automatically by `mod_spin`. Once the configuration is parsed, the keys and values of the `<p/>` tags are placed into the application's store. On each new request and if the last parsing was more than ten seconds ago, the configuration file is checked for modification. If the configuration file is newer, it is parsed again and the keys and values are placed into the application store. New values will overwrite existing values associated with same keys, but other key/value pairs in the application store will not be changed.

Authentication  
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Apache provides enough authentication mechanisms to not duplicate this functionality in `mod_spin`. And because Apache's `request_rec` structure contains all environment variables, the information about the user using the resource is always available to your applications. At this point in time, I did not feel that keeping user data similar to session and application data was necessary. Things like that mostly belong into the application.

However, you can wrap Apache authentication with the `spin_auth` application and small amount of your own code. See `spin_auth` and `spin_app` applications for all details.

Connection pools  
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`mod_spin` has a simple API for accessing SQL relational databases. In order to improve performance of connecting to database (and other) servers, `mod_spin` uses the popular pool approach. Each connection is identified by the connection string, which is specified when the database is opened. `mod_spin` creates a hash of all those identifiers and stores connection pools, which are database specific, as values in this table. Any subsequent attempt to open a connection to the database of the same type and with the same connection string (the keys are case sensitive) will reuse an existing connection from the pool. This can dramatically improve performance of applications that frequently use (database) connections.

Each Apache process will have its own pool of connections (see also the thread safety discussion that follows). While this is good for performance, it has downsides.

With every process having its own private connections to the back-end server, the total number of connections can be rather big. Each connection takes memory, CPU cycles and sockets for communication, which, depending on the number of connections, might not be negligible. This alone can overwhelm the machine and can ultimately result in denial of service. That is another reason why it may be a good idea to run a separate instance of Apache for heavily loaded applications. Luckily, Apache is fast to start and it doesn't consume a lot of memory (in today's terms), so you can have many instances of it running at once.

`SpinConnPool` configuration directive enables system administrators to control pooling of connections. This can be useful if you find that a particular application is causing a large number of connections to be kept open.

`SpinConnCount` configuration directive enables system administrators to control the number of connections in the pool. By default, up to 5 connections will be kept in the per-process connection pool, for each connection identifier.

You can register any type of connection with the connection pool. As long as it has a unique connection string, you should be fine. This can then be used

for any type of connection you'd like to keep hanging around for the lifetime of the thread. LDAP and similar services come to mind first.

By all means, this kind of simple database API will not be everyone's cup of tea. There are very nice alternatives (SQL Relay come to mind first) that solved all of these problems (in a slightly different manner) and more. Also, some people prefer to program in a truly cross platform solutions like ODBC. Feel free to completely ignore mod\_spin's database API.

Thread safety  
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Some Apache MPMs (Multi-Processing Modules), e.g. worker, spin off multiple threads of execution, under which mod\_spin should be OK. However, if you spin off your own threads and want to use mod\_spin structures across threads, you MUST SYNCHRONISE access, or you will experience problems.

## Installation and configuration

### See also:

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Where to get mod\_spin?  
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It is available from here:

<ftp://ftp.rexursive.com/pub/mod-spin/>

You can also get source and binary RPM packages, built on and for Fedora distribution on x86 architecture. Skeleton application (i.e. an example application) is available from here:

<ftp://ftp.rexursive.com/pub/spinapps/app/>

Unless you already have your own mod\_spin applications, it can be useful for testing if the installation of mod\_spin actually worked. Source and binary RPM packages are also available.

What else is required to build  
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1. Apache 2.2 or better: <http://httpd.apache.org/>.
2. Apache Portable Runtime and Apache Portable Runtime Utilities 1.2.8 or better. Version 1.3.x is highly recommended, as it contains code for correct handling of database column names. The home page of APR project is here: <http://apr.apache.org/>

IMPORTANT NOTE: You should always use the version of APR/APU that you used to link Apache with. If you pick another version, especially with a different major number, you may get a nasty surprise.

3. Apache Request Library, version 2 (libapreq2); the home page of this project is here: <http://httpd.apache.org/apreq/>. Apache 2.2 requires version 2 of this library/module and will not work with version 1; mod\_apreq2 has to be installed and configured for mod\_spin to work.

IMPORTANT NOTE: mod\_spin is known to work with libapreq2-2.07 and above (i.e. the multi-env version of this library/module).

4. XML C parser and toolkit, libxml2. You can get it from here: <http://www.xmlsoft.org/>. Most Linux distributions already include it. Apache Portable Runtime Utilities Library includes some support for XML,



but libxml2 is a much more mature implementation.

5. A Linux (or Unix) system with Apache 2.2, APR/APR Util, libxml2 and libapreq2 INSTALLED!
6. If you intend to rebuild scanner.c and parser.c files from scanner.l and parser.y, respectively, you'll need Flex version 2.5.33 or better, which comes with reentrant C scanner support. Versions below that won't work! You can get this version of Flex from <http://lex.sourceforge.net/>. Also, having Bison version 1.875 or better is recommended.
7. The build and install are tested with GNU tools on Linux (Fedora). Other tools may work, but you will have to find out for yourself.

How to build and install

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There are three options to install mod\_spin into Apache:

1. As a binary RPM
2. As Dynamic Shared Object (DSO) from source
3. By static linking into Apache from source

IMPORTANT: You have to have Apache configured, compiled and installed BEFORE you attempt this procedure (either as an RPM or from source). You MUST have a working apxs for options 2 and 3, otherwise nothing will work!

The various config scripts

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Packages that mod\_spin depends on come with their own configuration scripts. Examples include apr-1-config, apu-1-config, apreq2-config, xml2-config etc. The first two will normally reside in the binary path returned by apxs. Others may be in various places on the system. If you want to use a particular one, set the PATH variable so that it points to the version you want when you're running the configure script.

Note on environment variables

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Depending on the system you're running and the features you select, some environment variables will have to be set, namely CFLAGS, CPPFLAGS and LDFLAGS. Normally, they are picked up by the above configuration scripts.

For instance, if you're compiling in MySQL support on Fedora, the libraries will not be in /usr/lib, but in /usr/lib/mysql. Also, the headers will not be in /usr/include, but in /usr/include/mysql. To make sure configure finds the libraries and headers, the configure script will attempt to detect the correct location of header files and library dependencies, by using mysql\_config. If that doesn't work, you'll have to run something like:

```
CPPFLAGS="$CPPFLAGS -I/usr/include/mysql \
LDFLAGS="$LDFLAGS -L/usr/lib/mysql" ./configure [other options here]
```

This would ensure that the compiler and linker can find the required files. Some other systems may have those files in a different location, so you'll have to know certain things about your system before you attempt this.

The same can be said for libxml2, which is a requirement to build mod\_spin. For instance, this library installs its header files in /usr/include/libxml2 on Fedora. The configure script will attempt to figure that out at the beginning of its run by running xml2-config. Sometimes this won't work as expected. In that case pass relevant -I option on CPPFLAGS variable and -l/-L options in the LDFLAGS variable, similar to the MySQL example above.

The CFLAGS environment variable is used to pass optimisation and other flags to the C compiler. For instance, you might want to see all warnings and

compile in debugging support. You would specify:

```
CFLAGS="-Wall -g" ./configure [other options here]
```

The above is relevant to systems that have GNU C Compiler (gcc). If you use some other compiler, you should check its documentations for the options.

#### Installation of libraries

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Default prefix is /usr/local, making the installation of libraries go into /usr/local/lib (or /usr/local/lib64 on some 64-bit systems). If you want rxv\_spin library in the system location (i.e. /usr/lib or /usr/lib64), specify /usr prefix during configuration. Note that this may clash with rxv\_spin library installation from the RPM, if you do have one.

WARNING: rxv\_spin library (i.e. librxv\_spin.\* files) are ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED to run both mod\_spin and any applications that you may have. If the library isn't installed correctly, things will break! Luckily, all three installation options install libraries automatically and this usually isn't a problem.

#### Library conflicts

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If you have an RPM installed on the system that includes a library (including mod\_spin), the location will usually be /usr/lib or /usr/lib64. When building from source, mod\_spin will link against a specific library, possibly located in /usr/local/lib or /usr/local/lib64, to avoid versioning conflicts and misterious problems with your module when certain RPMs are removed. Use ldd to verify that you finished mod\_spin has correct dependencies.

#### Macro files for aclocal

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An installable M4 macro file, mod\_spin.m4, is located in the m4 subdirectory of the distribution. It gets installed into the aclocal's ACDIR directory (to verify what that is on your system, run 'aclocal --print-ac-dir'). This macro file is required for all mod\_spin applications that want to use some mod\_spin specific configure tests and it simplifies writing of your own configure.ac files. All mod\_spin macros start with RXV\_SPIN\_, to distinguish them from other macros. You can see how they are used in various mod\_spin applications, including the skeleton application, spin\_app.

On most systems there is only one installation of aclocal. Therefore, both packaged installation (via RPM or some other mechanism) and installation from source would attempt to install this file in the system wide location. In all cases, package installed file will be kept, as it is always marked with a comment 'dn1 PACKAGE' in the last line of the file. If you want to overwrite this file with the M4 file from the source build, you will have to copy it to the system wide location manually. This discussion only applies if both package based and source based installation are used on the same system.

IMPORTANT: If you install mod\_spin using an unprivileged user account, there is a good chance you won't be able to write to system wide aclocal location (usually one needs to be root to do this). Therefore, mod\_spin.m4 file IS NOT GOING TO BE INSTALLED. If you still need it for your applications, either convince your system administrator to install the file in the system wide location, copy the file into the m4 subdirectory of your application or use a local installation of aclocal.

#### Session support

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Session identifiers are taken from mod\_unique\_id and hashed using MD5. An HMAC MD5 of the hash is appended to the hash. This then creates a method of protection against session spoofing (not unbreakable, but enough to prevent massive amount of sessions from being introduced). For sessions to work at

all, YOU MUST set SpinSalt parameter, which cannot be less than 30 characters long. On purpose, there is no default for this parameter, because it is supposed to be secret, somewhat random and unique to your server (or group of servers).

Option 1: From binary RPM  
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You have to be using an RPM based distro to do this (the packages are normally built for Fedora on x86). If you are, then it's really simple:

```
rpm -Uvh mod_spin-X.Y.Z-R.ARCH.rpm
```

where X.Y.Z is version of mod\_spin and R is the RPM release of it. Such installation will create a configuration file for mod\_spin, located here: /etc/httpd/conf.d/spin.conf. This is just an example file, but it should work for the simplest of applications. You'll have to edit it (or deploy your own files via RPM of you application) to actually deploy your own mod\_spin applications, of course. Once you do that, any further upgrades of mod\_spin shouldn't overwrite the configuration file you fiddled with, courtesy of RPM. Or you can provide applications' own configuration files, especially if you're deploying those as RPMs as well.

If you want to develop software for mod\_spin and you have an RPM installation, you have to install the development RPM too:

```
rpm -Uvh mod_spin-devel-X.Y.Z-R.ARCH.rpm
```

Option 2: DSO from source  
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From the top directory of mod\_spin source do:

```
./configure [--prefix=/top/dir] [--with-apxs=/path/to/apxs] \
            [--with-flex-reentrant=/path/to/flex/installation/directory]
make
make install
```

Option 3: Static linking from source  
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IMPORTANT: THIS OPTION HAS NOT BEEN TESTED IN A WHILE AND IT MAY NOT WORK AT ALL. IT SURE ISN'T RECOMMENDED.

From the top directory of mod\_spin source do:

```
./configure [--prefix=/top/dir] --with-apache=/path/to/apache2/source \
            [--with-apxs=/path/to/apxs] \
            [--with-flex-reentrant=/path/to/flex/installation/directory]
make
make install
```

From the top directory of Apache source do:

If this is the first time you are installing mod\_spin into this source tree of Apache, you will have to build appropriate files in modules/spin directory:

```
./buildconf
```

IMPORTANT: If you compiled Apache from this source tree before, you should run:

```
make distclean
```

If you don't, compile or link may fail.

Configure Apache, either by using an existing configuration (you can also

edit config.nice and place --enable-spin there):

```
./config.nice --enable-spin
```

or by using brand new set of options:

```
./configure --enable-spin [your options here]
```

Later, if you don't want mod\_spin (why would you ever want to do that ;-), then specify --disable-spin in your configuration options. Now build Apache and install it:

```
make
make install
```

```
Uninstall
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```

If you installed from RPM, just do:

```
rpm -e mod_spin
```

and:

```
rpm -e mod_spin-devel
```

if you installed the development package.

In cases 2 and 3, you can simply run from the top directory of mod\_spin source:

```
make uninstall
```

If you did the install into Apache source for static linking, you should run:

```
./buildconf
```

from the top directory of the Apache source tree. This should clean up the configure script and remove mod\_spin options from it.

```
How to build RPMs
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You can do it from the tarball by:

```
rpmbuild -ta mod_spin-X.Y.Z.tar.bz2
```

The above will build both source and binary RPMs. Or you can build a binary RPM from the source RPM like this:

```
rpmbuild --rebuild mod_spin-X.Y.Z-R.src.rpm
```

Most systems don't come with reentrant flex (this feature is available in version 2.5.33 and above), but unless you've changed the scanner rules, rebuilding the RPMs shouldn't fail (i.e. generated C files are shipped with the distribution). If scanner rules were changed, however, you will need reentrant flex. Replacing flex with a reentrant package may have system wide implications, especially if you compile software that produces scanners. Therefore, mod\_spin was designed to use flex-reentrant package, which can coexist peacefully alongside flex on your RPM based system.

```
Doxygen documentation
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```

References to external documentation, namely that of Apache Portable Runtime, Apache Portable Runtime Utilities Library and Apache Request Library, are all done to the URLs at various Apache web sites. If you're installing from

source, in order to link to local documentation instead of one on the net, use the installdox Perl script, located in the docs/html directory (after you performed make install). Something like this should do the trick (of course, substitute example locations with the ones on your system):

```
./installdox -l apr.tag@usr/local/doc/apr \
              -l apu.tag@usr/local/doc/apr-util \
              -l apreq2.tag@usr/local/apache2/share/libapreq2/docs/html
```

For the RPM installation, the RPM build script will attempt to detect what documentation you have locally and run installdox for you. If you install some documentation after you put mod\_spin RPM on your system, you can either run installdox manually or rebuild the binary RPM and install it again.

For your convenience, all mod\_spin packages contain mod\_spin.tag file, to allow easy referencing from your documentation.

Module loading order  
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The Apache Request Library module must be loaded before mod\_spin, or your Apache web server won't be able to resolve some symbols. So, have them like this in your httpd.conf file:

```
LoadModule apreq_module modules/mod_apreq2.so
LoadModule spin_module modules/mod_spin.so
```

Luckily, when deployed in a standard Red Hat manner via the RPM, where each module gets its own configuration file in conf.d directory, apreq is alphabetically before spin, so it loads first. Phew!

SELinux environments  
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If you are running Security Enhanced Linux (for instance, Fedora), you may need to do a bit of extra configuration for mod\_spin to work correctly (depending on the application/session store type you choose). For instance, with SQLite2/3, if you place application/session database in /var/tmp/myapp.db file, you'll have to make sure that this file belongs to the correct security context, which is normally root:object\_r:httpd\_cache\_t. To do that, you'd run:

```
chcon -u root -r object_r -t httpd_cache_t /var/tmp/myapp.db
```

Without this, you may have Apache running in a different security context and being denied access to your application/session database files. Meaning, every time mod\_spin attempts to access /var/tmp/myapp.db file, although file permissions allow it, file access would be denied by policy and the client would get an internal server error response.

To make labeling of files correct, use semanage command, to set you local file contexts to the correct value. For instance:

```
semanage fcontext -a -t http_cache_t '/var/tmp/modspin(/.*)?'
```

Obviously, if you're running other databases where connections are made via a TCP or Unix domain socket, you will have to allow Apache to connect to those sockets. On Fedora, this is done using SELinux booleans. You can obtain the list of those by running sestatus -b. You can change them by running setsebool. Check relevant manual pages for all details.

Configuration  
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Here is an example snippet from httpd.conf (comments after configuration parameters will cause errors - they are here only to point out the default settings):

```

<IfModule mod_spin.c>
    AddHandler spin-template .sm
#    AddOutputFilter SPIN-TEMPLATE .sm
    AddType text/html .sm
    SpinApplication /usr/local/libexec/spinapps/spinapp.so
    SpinAppInit rxv_spin_init # Default
    SpinAppPrepare rxv_spin_prepare # Default
    SpinAppService rxv_spin_service # Default
    SpinAppConfig /usr/local/etc/spinapps/spinapp.xml
    SpinStore file:/var/tmp/mod_spin
#    SpinStore sqlite3:/var/tmp/mod_spin/store.db
#    SpinStore mysql:dbname=spintest,flags=CLIENT_FOUND_ROWS
#    SpinStore pgsql:dbname=spintest
    SpinStoreTable spintest # Default
    SpinCookie SpinSession
    SpinCookiePath / # Default
    SpinCookieDomain .example.com
    SpinTimeout 0 # Default
    SpinConnPool on # Default
    SpinConnCount 5 # Default
    SpinSalt # No default
</IfModule>

```

SpinApplication, SpinAppInit, SpinAppPrepare, SpinAppService, SpinAppConfig, SpinStore, SpinStoreTable, SpinCookie, SpinCookiePath, SpinCookieDomain, SpinTimeout and SpinConnPool can be placed in the main server section, virtual host section, directory or location section. The nearest available will be used. SpinConnCount and SpinSalt can only be placed in the global configuration, as they don't make sense anywhere else.

SpinApplication is the path to the shared library that is your application.

SpinAppInit is the name of the application init function in the shared library (rxv\_spin\_init() by default). This function, if exists, will be called when the library is dynamically linked into Apache.

SpinAppPrepare is the name of the application prepare function (called in the fixups phase of the request processing) in the shared library (rxv\_spin\_prepare() by default). Function named in SpinAppPrepare will be called after the library is dynamically linked by mod\_spin.

SpinAppService is the name of the application service function (called from the handler) in the shared library (rxv\_spin\_service() by default). Function named in SpinAppService will be called after the library is dynamically linked by mod\_spin.

SpinAppConfig is the path to the application configuration file. This is a simple XML file (so that we can use XML parsing facilities easily) which looks like this:

```

<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE spin [
    <!ELEMENT s (p*)>
    <!ELEMENT p (#PCDATA)>
    <!ATTLIST p n CDATA #REQUIRED>
]>
<s>
    <p n="spinparameter1">The value associated with spinparameter1</p>
    <p n="spinparameter2">The value associated with spinparameter2</p>
</s>

```

The DTD of the document is local in the above example, but you don't need to specify it in your file. You can even omit the XML declaration.

SpinStore is a location (in APR Util DBD speak) of your session and application store. The store is actually a table in an SQL database (e.g. PostgreSQL, SQLite3 etc.). This parameter obeys SpinConnPool parameter. With version 1.3.x

of APR Util DBD, supported database prefixes are pgsql, mysql, sqlite2 (this won't work, as this driver doesn't support prepared statements), sqlite3 and oracle. This obviously depends on how APR Utils was compiled and linked and what databases really exist in your environment. If you're using MySQL, you have to specify flags=CLIENT\_FOUND\_ROWS in your connect string, or the store isn't going to work properly.

You can also specify a special driver, file:, followed by the directory where the store will be located. In this case, application and session data is kept in XML files. This store backend features best performance. See the above example snippet from the httpd.conf file for more details.

SpinStoreTable is the name of the SQL table used for the store. This parameter has no effect when file based store is in use.

SpinCookie is the name of the cookie used for session management. This parameter is optional, that is to say, if it isn't defined, sessions will not be supported for that particular configuration section. By convention, this is normally called SpinSession, but it can be called anything you like. Session cookie handling is entirely done in mod\_spin. You need to define SpinSalt for sessions to work.

SpinCookiePath is the path of the cookie used for session management. It is set to "/" by default.

SpinCookieDomain is the domain of the cookie used for session management. It is not set by default.

SpinTimeout is session timeout in seconds. After this time, the session data from session store will be ignored (i.e. not retrieved) and overwritten by new data if the same session ID is used. By default, this value is set to zero, meaning no timeout. Specifying anything but an integer greater or equal zero will set the value to zero.

An external program, possibly started from cron, can reap session data that timed out, whether in a database or file based store.

SpinConnPool enables pooling of connections and it is turned on by default.

SpinConnCount specifies the number of connections to keep in the connection pool for every connection identifier, per process. Specifying anything but an integer greater than zero will set the value to the default, which is 5. Note that any connection pool that has not been used for more than a minute will be removed.

SpinSalt is the cryptographic salt (key) used to produce HMACs for session id hashes. It has to be at least 30 characters long. DO NOT SET THIS TO THE SAME VALUE ON ALL YOUR SERVERS UNLESS YOU'RE RUNNING A CLUSTER of machines that share sessions, as it'll be easier for potential attackers to spoof your sessions. The best thing to do is to make this a "random" string, something that doesn't make any sense in any language.

Strangely enough, you can set SpinSalt parameter more than once and that is not an error. This functionality exists to enable security savvy administrators to rotate cryptographic salt, in order to make session spoofing even more difficult.

An external program, possibly started from cron, can manipulate SpinSalt parameters in the configuration file (or, file included from the configuration file). The first specified SpinSalt will be considered new and the second one will be considered old, but still valid (other instances of SpinSalt will be ignored). After a graceful restart of Apache, mod\_spin will accept sessions encrypted with both the old and the new salt. All outgoing sessions will be encrypted using the new salt. This enables smooth transition between different crypto salts.

## News

### See also:

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Please note that this version marks major changes in the data API. Data is now an opaque type and all access to it is through functions. Many functions changed their names, some were deleted, some added etc. Check the documentation for all the details, as number of changes is too big to mention here.

- \*\* add path and domain cookie options
- \*\* add rxv\_spin\_ses\_kill() for destroying sessions
- \*\* use proper row numbers for apr\_dbd\_get\_row()
- \*\* use apr\_version.h and apu\_version.h
- \*\* shorten XML tags to <s/> and <p/> and attribute n
- \*\* make data types opaque and adjust API (BIG: check docs!)
- \*\* introduce ten second delay for configuration parsing
- \*\* use APU resource lists to manage connection pools
- \*\* introduce reference with fixed indexes

\* version 1.1.7 released 2007-11-20

- \*\* use shared buckets to reduce copying
- \*\* improve scanning speed by matching multiple lines of text

\* version 1.1.6 released 2007-08-23

- \*\* relicense under LGPL 2.1
- \*\* add rxv\_spin\_meta\_brigade()
- \*\* switch to xmlreader/xmlwriter for XML processing
- \*\* add filter functionality
- \*\* use mmap()-ed files
- \*\* kill SpinSendfile and SpinCacheAll configuration directives
- \*\* kill SpinCache and SpinCacheCount configuration directives
- \*\* template processing with finite memory even for big files
- \*\* rework scanner to avoid rescanning tokens
- \*\* rework scanner to scan bucket brigades
- \*\* avoid namespace pollution in scanner/parser
- \*\* implement one minute connection timeout

\* version 1.1.5 released 2007-08-14

- \*\* application/session data saved in XML
- \*\* file support for application/session store
- \*\* make sure we clean up in child in case of fork
- \*\* split up -libs RPM subpackage
- \*\* add pkgconfig support
- \*\* fix docs URLs in RPM spec file
- \*\* detect Doxygen tag files better
- \*\* use mtime instead of atime for session expiry
- \*\* extend configuration script with more build time variables
- \*\* move more M4 macros to private file

\* version 1.1.4 released 2007-05-31

- \*\* improvements to RPM spec file

\* version 1.1.3 released 2007-02-15

- \*\* fix non-portable shell construct in mod\_spin.m4
- \*\* introduce SpinAppInit configuration directive
- \*\* use process pool under a thread lock
- \*\* only use APR thread calls if threads are compiled in
- \*\* add rxv\_spin\_ctx\_tpool() function



```
** add MySQL store creation script
** implement RFC 2104 HMAC MD5 for session cookies
** add rxv_spin_hash() and rxv_spin_hmac() functions
```

```
* version 1.1.2 released 2006-10-11
```

```
** documentation fixes
** introduce SELECT pool to reduce memory pressure
** update RPM dependencies
```

```
* version 1.1.1 released 2006-06-27
```

Please note that this development version features MAJOR CHANGES TO THE API AND APPLICATION/SESSION STORE implementation. There is almost no chance that your existing mod\_spin application will work with this one unchanged. Check the API documentation for all details. Some examples can be seen in spin\_app, spin\_feedback and spin\_auth applications.

```
** improve RPM spec file
** ship test template and database creation script in RPM
** set SHOW_DIRECTORIES to NO in doxygen.conf
** improve APR/APU config script detection
** add rxv_spin_dso_load() function
** add rxv_spin_db_data() function
** remove rxv_spin_db_exec() function
** add rxv_spin_db_select()/rxv_spin_db_query() functions
** add rxv_spin_db_pselect()/rxv_spin_db_pquery() functions
** switch to apr_dbd for database access
** remove rxv_spin_db_info() and rxv_spin_db_reset()
** remove legacy macros
** remove rxv_spin_db_result_t
** remove SpinWorkspace configuration directive
** add SpinStore and SpinStoreTable configuration directives
** switch to opaque pointers
** drop util.c and import functions into mod_spin.c
** replace rxv_spin_context_t with rxv_spin_ctx_t
** make rxv_spin_conn_t rxv_spin_db_t
** completely rework the database API
** rename cpool.c to conn.c
** don't explicitly check libraries APR/APU drags in
** use enum instead of #define for various constants
** use SQL instead of SDBM for application/session store backend
** provide create-store.sql for store creation
** segfault on out of memory conditions
** remove rxv_spin_db_escape() function
** implement connection pool LRU
** implement template cache LRU
** rename SpinTemplateCache configuration directive to SpinCache
** introduce SpinCacheCount and SpinConnCount configuration directives
```

```
* version 1.1.0 released 2005-11-22
```

This is a new, development branch of mod\_spin and is therefore experimental code. Code `_may_` change significantly as we go toward 1.2.0 release, so don't count on things being there in the next development release.

```
** new development branch
** use multi-env libapreq2 (2.06 and above)
** replace req and jar with apreq handle in the context
** introduce rxv_spin_prepare() callback
** rename SpinAppEntry configuration parameter to SpinAppService
** add SpinAppPrepare configuration parameter
** do away with pre-connection hook
** rename spin directory to src
** don't fail install if mod_spin.m4 cannot be installed
** use flex-reentrant if available
** check for ap_regex headers
```

```
** use --include instead of --cflags for newer mysql_config
** use Bitstream fonts in doxygen.css
** make GCC 4.0 complain less
** fix incorrect AC_PATH_PROG calls
** introduce size and index references
** introduce regex, literal, numeric and modulo conditionals
** remove SpinClearCount configuration directive
** add SpinTemplateCache configuration directive
** link apr, apr-util, apreq2 and rxv_spin libs explicitly
** add SpinConnPool configuration directive
** add RXV_SPIN_CONFIG_NICE for making config.nice
** check for inode change on the template
** conditional use of flex and bison
```

\* version 1.0.9 released 2005-04-04

```
** make it compile and run with Apache 2.1.x and APR 1.1.x
** fake ap_construct_url() in spin.c for testing
** split up M4 macros into separate, installable file
** extend rxv_spin-config with docdir
** process doxygen.conf and mod_spin.spec with configure
```

\* version 1.0.8 released 2005-01-29

```
** use ap_discard_request_body() in handler
```

\* version 1.0.7 released 2005-01-24

```
** fix crummy md5b64_validate() code
** get rid of the strcpy() calls
** improve RPM spec file
```

\* version 1.0.6 released 2005-01-13

```
** fix SpinCookie/SpinSalt documentation
** add salt rotation functionality
** actually use salt in MD5 hashing
** mention SELinux installation
```

\* version 1.0.5 released 2004-12-23

This release has emphasis on security. It is also the first version to use `mod_unique_id` for session tracking, rather than `mod_usertrack`. Note that cookies are now served directly by `mod_spin`. A new configuration parameter, `SpinSalt`, is used to introduce an unknown into the creation of session id MD5 hashes, thus preventing theft of sessions and (some) denial of service attacks. Application and session tracking now requires a private directory and `mod_spin` refuses to use the files if the directory is not read/write by owner only or if it's a symlink.

```
** SECURITY: check session/application store path/permissions
** SECURITY: use mod_unique_id for session IDs
** SECURITY: add MD5 hashes of session IDs
** handle session cookies from within mod_spin
** introduce SpinSalt configuration parameter
** make clearcnt configuration parameter work
** drop SpinBasename configuration parameter
** introduce rxv_spin_ses_idget() function
** introduce rxv_spin_ses_valid() function
** make sessions optional
```

\* version 1.0.4 released 2004-10-12

```
** provide FC version in the RPM release
```

\* version 1.0.3 released 2004-09-23

```
** fix bogus installdox logic
```

```
* version 1.0.2 released 2004-09-21
```

Note that in this version there has been a rework of connection pool functionality. The whole thing has been made more generic, so that other connection types can be registered with the pool, not just database ones.

The `rxv_spin_conn_t` has one extra member, the cleanup function, so, you will HAVE TO RECOMPILE YOUR APPLICATIONS, because this version is obviously BINARY INCOMPATIBLE WITH PREVIOUS VERSIONS. Also, the symbol for `rxv_spin_db_pool_create()` function no longer exists in the library. It has been replaced with `rxv_spin_cpool_create()`. However, compatibility macros have been defined throughout, so recompilation should go smoothly.

```
** move connection pools into a separate module
** make rxv_spin_db_pool_* legacy
** make rxv_spin_db_conn and rxv_spin_db_conn_t legacy
** make connection keys case sensitive
** untie connection macros from database functionality
** use request pool where possible to reduce memory pressure
** fix redundant PQclear() call
** add cleanup function to rxv_spin_conn_t
** ship eatdoxygen.c
** avoid copying of context data to reduce memory pressure
```

```
* version 1.0.1 released 2004-08-10
```

```
** move rxv_spin_service_t back into rxv_spin.h for docs
** fix bogus tag file logic
```

```
* version 1.0.0 released 2004-08-04
```

This is the first 'stable' release of `mod_spin`. For the most part, I would prefer to describe it as 'useful', since one can actually have applications that run mostly correct and perform reasonably well inside the `mod_spin` framework. As with any software, I'm sure there are bugs in this code too. How many, only the time and a lot of use will tell. So, please, if you do find them, let me know.

Contrary to what many software projects do, I do not have plans for near future development releases of `mod_spin`. I'll be focusing more on two things:

1. That the code of `mod_spin` is stable, secure and performs well.
2. Some useful `mod_spin` applications.

As I find time, I will experiment with `mod_spin` inside the current development version of Apache, 2.1. After all, that's where the future is :-)

```
** delay XML parser cleanup until the end of the request
** fix possible segfaults with apr_pool_cleanup_register()
** remove rxv_spin_db_clean() function
** remove rxv_spin_db_pool_destroy() function
** remove rxv_spin_db_finish_do() function
** use pool cleanups for database stuff
** remove bogus child cleanups
** rxv_spin_ctx_t: shorthand for rxv_spin_context_t
** improve logging of critical events
** generate Doxygen tag file
** reference external documentation
** change Doxyfile to doxygen.conf and make clearer
** add database type enquiry macros
** move rxv_spin_service_t into private.h
** fix missing tag files
```

```
* version 0.9.13 released 2004-06-20
```

This version features major performance improvements, especially if the applications you're using are pulling in large or many shared libraries. However, in order to reliably reload applications when new versions are deployed, a graceful restart of Apache is now required.

A configuration script, `rxv_spin-config`, has been introduced in this version, to allow easy collection of `mod_spin` installation directory locations. You can enquire about `prefix`, `bindir`, `libdir`, `libexecdir` and `includedir`. This is useful for configuration of `mod_spin` applications.

IMPORTANT: This version (and all future versions) depend on `apreq2-config` script being properly installed. As of `libapreq2-2.03_04`, this is not the case (unless you installed one of my RPMs). So, you'll have to make sure `apreq2-config` is copied into the correct location for `mod_spin` to build from source (this is normally `/usr/local/apache2/bin` or `/usr/bin`, depending on how you installed `libapreq2`).

```
** fix library installation text
** cache dynamically loaded libraries
** fix linking against librxv_spin
** use apreq2-config
** make rxv_spin-config script

* version 0.9.12 released 2004-06-10

** split into mod_spin and librxv_spin
** fix static linking into Apache
** move RXV_SPIN_MAX_DEPTH into private.h

* version 0.9.11 released 2004-05-28

** size fix for rxv_spin_rows()
** use apr_palloc() instead of apr_pool_alloc()/memset()

* version 0.9.10 released 2004-05-27

** reference processing fix

* version 0.9.9 released 2004-05-24

** macro name cleanup

* version 0.9.8 released 2004-05-18

** new function: rxv_spin_single_mem()
** new function: rxv_spin_single_memset()
** more paranoia about NULL pointers
** avoid corner case database connection leak
** delay cleanup until the end of the request

* version 0.9.7 released 2004-05-14
```

IMPORTANT: As of this release, single data will always have a `'\0'` character appended to it. This is useful for passing this data to regular C APIs that handle strings that are terminated in such manner. If you have your own functions that create single data, you will have to adjust them to behave like this or you'll be EXPOSING YOUR APPLICATIONS TO BUFFER OVERFLOWS.

In this version a lot of the data manipulation function changed their names. To avoid incompatibilities, relevant macros have been defined in `rxv_spin.h`. However, those compatibility macros may be removed at any time. If you have code that uses old functions, it is best to rename. The `rxv_spin_column_markeach()` function has been replaced by a function that has an extra parameter, so when changing, take that into account. This new parameter is offset. The compatibility macro defines it as zero (0), which was the behaviour of the old function.

```

** fix wrong URL in spec file
** new function: rxv_spin_meta_parse()
** new function: rxv_spin_meta_hash()
** new function: rxv_spin_rows_select()
** new function: rxv_spin_rows_hash()
** new function: rxv_spin_rows_mark()
** new function: rxv_spin_rows_markeach()
** new function: rxv_spin_single_trim()
** renamed various data functions
** improve rxv_spin_*_markeach() functions
** make the test file real XHTML
** new function: rxv_spin_str_trim()
** change how singles are stored

* version 0.9.6 released 2000-04-14

** additional APXS check
** do with/without/enable/disable properly
** avoid copying of SQL results
** new function: rxv_spin_resize()
** refine non-pooled database connection cleanup
** new function: rxv_spin_db_clean()
** avoid destroying the brigade, cleanup will do it

* version 0.9.5 released 2004-04-07

** make SpinClearCount global only directive
** make sendfile and text cache flags template specific
** fix incorrect int return from child_init()
** add CFLAGS from apr-config
** improve important program tests
** remove application specific configuration from spin.conf
** expand dynamic linking licensing exception
** adjust RPM spec file

* version 0.9.4 released 2004-04-01

```

For all the negative thinking folk out there :-), mod\_spin now understands #unless, direct opposite of #if. Seriously, I thought there could be instances where one would want to check if something isn't there directly, rather than have the clumsy #if/#else construct. Internally, #unless is implemented using the #if infrastructure.

Other, rather painful changes, were the name changes to some data manipulation functions. It is a bit late in the game, but this was simply begging for a cleanup. Sorry :-(. You can always do a few macro definitions if you want to stick with the old names for a while in your applications. The argument order and type did not change at all, which should make things relatively easy to switch around.

There was also a number of useful functions added to data manipulation section. There could be more in the future, depending on what I bump into solving real world problems.

The support for sendfile() is now in by default and should work correctly, but you'll have to patch you Apache for it to take effect. There is a bug in server/core.c file of Apache up to 2.0.49, function emulate\_sendfile(), that affects the output when a brigade contains more than one FILE bucket. That was the reason for FLUSH buckets after each FILE bucket in the previous mod\_spin code. Here is that patch for Apache:

```

=====
diff -ruN httpd-2.0.49-vanilla/server/core.c httpd-2.0.49/server/core.c
--- httpd-2.0.49-vanilla/server/core.c 2004-03-09 09:54:20.000000000 +1100
+++ httpd-2.0.49/server/core.c 2004-03-22 18:56:29.000000000 +1100
@@ -2975,7 +2975,7 @@
     }

```

```

    /* Seek the file to 'offset' */
-   if (offset != 0 && rv == APR_SUCCESS) {
+   if (offset >= 0 && rv == APR_SUCCESS) {
        rv = apr_file_seek(fd, APR_SET, &offset);
    }
=====

```

Another important fix is related to keep-alive and pipelined requests. In order for that to be handled properly, all memory allocation related to the output brigade is now done from the connection pool.

New configuration parameter SpinCacheAll will turn on template file chunks caching even when they are 256 bytes in size and over. This will consume more memory, but might improve performance.

A lot of effort in this version has been put into parsed template cache and the "poolology" of the beast. My tests indicate that mod\_spin now behaves pretty good when it comes to performance (I have observed up to 25% better performance using the skeleton application, when compared to previous version of mod\_spin), memory leaks and segfaults in that area. As always, non-trivial software has bugs, so if you find some (and you will), let me know.

Unfortunately (or fortunately, depending on your point of view), during mod\_spin stress tests, I was able to crash Linux kernel 2.4.22-1.2174.nptl, as provided by Fedora Core 1. A bug report is in (119519). I'm not sure if this is Red Hat specific, my system specific or generic, but it did crash my notebook several times. We'll have to wait for kernel folk to address this one.

```

** implement #unless, opposite of #if
** new data manipulation API calls
** make existing data manipulation function names sane
** better flex and bison build rules
** make the test file XHTML
** new configuration parameter: SpinSendfile
** enable merging of server and directory configurations
** use connection pool for all brigade stuff
** new configuration parameter: SpinCacheAll
** new configuration parameter: SpinClearCount
** make template caching safe
** fix template cache pool usage
** be more portable in configure.ac

```

```

* version 0.9.3 released 2004-03-15

```

Two reasonably big things in this release. The first one related to easy installation - building mod\_spin RPMs is now a no-brainer. The second one is a parsed template cache. This has been a long outstanding issue of mod\_spin (i.e. all templates were always parsed on every request). Now, parsed templates are remembered per thread and if the modification time and size of the template is identical, no parsing will be done. This can speed up mod\_spin up to 30%, as I have observed in my tests. Normally, if you're using database access, the difference in speed will be somewhere in the range of a few percent, but it's nevertheless welcome. With caching of parsed templates memory usage will go up, but given today's memory sizes, I don't see it as a big issue.

Unfortunately (or fortunately), a small API change occurred in this release. It is the order of arguments passed to rxv\_spin\_db\_connect() function (which now makes more sense anyway). But more importantly, the change was warranted due to a semantical change of the function itself, related to the memory leak. It is now required to pass a valid memory pool pointer as the first argument, for all temporary memory allocations.

```

** RPM build support (not heavily tested)
** create a memory pool per thread to avoid locking

```

```
** parsed templates are now cached per thread
** closed serious memory leaks in rxv_spin_db_connect()
** changed the order of arguments for rxv_spin_db_connect()
** improved build system
```

\* version 0.9.2 released 2004-03-08

The API should now be considered relatively stable. All unnecessary variables have been removed from the context and placed into a separate member 'guts', which is used internally by mod\_spin and shouldn't be relied upon. This will enable future enhancements to the context, while preserving current structure layout. There is also a new member 'extra' that can be used for any user data that needs to be placed into the context.

```
** add more checks to various functions
** split context stuff into context.c
** split data stuff into data.c
** split application/session stuff into store.c
** fix potential memory leak in XML parsing
** drop session base filename
** fix configuration file reload for missing page file
** split data and context functions in the documentation
** provide context guts to stabilise the API
** allow extra data to be placed into the context
** eatdoxygen utility for removing Doxygen comments
** hose Doxygen comments from installed rxv_spin.h file
** build and install manual pages
** remove LaTeX documentation and put mod_spin.pdf in docs
** install HTML documentation
```

\* version 0.9.1 released 2004-03-04

```
** rxv_spin_app_del(), rxv_spin_ses_del()
** even more clear licensing exceptions
** rxv_spin_ctx_del macro
** build system enhanced (auto find MySQL stuff)
** depend on libxml2
** XML configuration files
** add SpinAppConfig, application configuration file
** fixed incorrect application store linkage to cookies
```

\* version 0.9.0 released 2004-02-27

```
** first beta version
** more clear licensing exceptions
** rxv_spin_db_escape() function
** rxv_spin_ctx_str_set macro
** don't escape query strings in rxv_spin_db_exec()
** switch to apr_hash_t in rxv_spin_data_t for case sensitivity
** fix ordering of rxv_spin_data structure
```

\* version 0.0.4 released 2004-02-20

```
** LAST ALPHA RELEASE - FEATURE SET NOW COMPLETE
** MySQL support
** module signature to ServerSignature
** workaround for PACKAGE_* conflicts
** SpinAppEntry parameter
** REDIRECT, DONE and DECLINED handling
** create-spintest.sql
** database connections stored per type in the pool
** avoid use of apr_psprintf() for session filenames
```

\* version 0.0.3 released 2004-01-13

```
** threading behaviour changed
** changed API
```

\* version 0.0.2 released 2003-10-17

\*\* added tests directory  
\*\* changed API

\* version 0.0.1 released 2003-10-15

\*\* Alpha quality code  
\*\* Most likely builds and works in certain circumstances

\* version 0.0.1 in development 2003-05-26

\*\* Successfully switched to autoconf/automake/libtool build system  
\*\* Needs flex 2.5.31 to build (recursive C scanner feature)

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### 2.1 Modules

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### 3.1 File List

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## 4 Module Documentation

### 4.1 Data functions

#### Defines

- `#define rxv_spin_multi(d) (!rxv_spin_string(d) && rxv_spin_size(d)>0)`
- `#define rxv_spin_single(d) (!rxv_spin_multi(d))`
- `#define rxv_spin_strim2(s) rxv_spin_strim((s),(RXV_SPIN_TRIM_LEFT|RXV_SPIN_TRIM_RIGHT))`
- `#define rxv_spin_striml(s) rxv_spin_strim((s),(RXV_SPIN_TRIM_LEFT))`
- `#define rxv_spin_strimr(s) rxv_spin_strim((s),(RXV_SPIN_TRIM_RIGHT))`
- `#define rxv_spin_lower(s)`
- `#define rxv_spin_upper(s)`
- `#define rxv_spin_trim(s, w)`
- `#define rxv_spin_trim2(s) rxv_spin_trim((s),(RXV_SPIN_TRIM_LEFT|RXV_SPIN_TRIM_RIGHT))`
- `#define rxv_spin_triml(s) rxv_spin_trim((s),(RXV_SPIN_TRIM_LEFT))`
- `#define rxv_spin_trimr(s) rxv_spin_trim((s),(RXV_SPIN_TRIM_RIGHT))`



**Typedefs**

- typedef struct rxv\_spin\_data [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#)
- typedef struct rxv\_spin\_curs [rxv\\_spin\\_curs\\_t](#)

**Enumerations**

- enum [rxv\\_spin\\_trim\\_e](#) { [RXV\\_SPIN\\_TRIM\\_LEFT](#) = 1, [RXV\\_SPIN\\_TRIM\\_RIGHT](#) }

**Functions**

- [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \* [rxv\\_spin\\_datum](#) ([apr\\_pool\\_t](#) \*pool, const char \*str, [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*data)
- [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \* [rxv\\_spin\\_mdatum](#) ([apr\\_pool\\_t](#) \*pool, const char \*str, [apr\\_size\\_t](#) size, [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*data)
- char \* [rxv\\_spin\\_string](#) ([rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*single)
- [apr\\_hash\\_t](#) \* [rxv\\_spin\\_guts](#) ([rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*rows)
- [apr\\_size\\_t](#) [rxv\\_spin\\_size](#) ([rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*data)
- [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \* [rxv\\_spin\\_column](#) ([apr\\_pool\\_t](#) \*pool, const char \*name, [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*data,...)
- [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \* [rxv\\_spin\\_parse](#) ([apr\\_pool\\_t](#) \*pool, const char \*name, char \*str, const char \*sep, [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*data)
- [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \* [rxv\\_spin\\_brigade](#) ([apr\\_pool\\_t](#) \*pool, const char \*name, [apr\\_bucket Brigade](#) \*bb, [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*data)
- [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \* [rxv\\_spin\\_null](#) ([apr\\_pool\\_t](#) \*pool, const char \*name, [apr\\_size\\_t](#) size, [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*data)
- [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \* [rxv\\_spin\\_rows](#) ([apr\\_pool\\_t](#) \*pool, [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*data,...)
- [apr\\_size\\_t](#) [rxv\\_spin\\_first](#) ([apr\\_pool\\_t](#) \*pool, [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*rows,...)
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- [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \* [rxv\\_spin\\_entry](#) ([rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*rows, const char \*name, [apr\\_size\\_t](#) index)
- [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \* [rxv\\_spin\\_resize](#) ([rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*data, [apr\\_size\\_t](#) size)
- [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \* [rxv\\_spin\\_copy](#) ([apr\\_pool\\_t](#) \*pool, [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*src, [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \*data)
- char \* [rxv\\_spin\\_slower](#) (const char \*str)
- char \* [rxv\\_spin\\_supper](#) (const char \*str)
- char \* [rxv\\_spin\\_strim](#) (const char \*str, [rxv\\_spin\\_trim\\_e](#) what)

**4.1.1 Detailed Description**

Data functions (mod\_spin API)

**4.1.2 Define Documentation****4.1.2.1 #define rxv\_spin\_multi(d) (!rxv\_spin\_string(d) && rxv\_spin\_size(d)>0)**

check if data is of rows type

**4.1.2.2 #define rxv\_spin\_single(d) (!rxv\_spin\_multi(d))**

check if data is of single type

**4.1.2.3 #define rxv\_spin\_strim2(s) rxv\_spin\_strim((s),(RXV\_SPIN\_TRIM\_LEFT|RXV\_SPIN\_TRIM\_RIGHT))**

trim string on both sides

**4.1.2.4 #define rxv\_spin\_striml(s) rxv\_spin\_strim((s),(RXV\_SPIN\_TRIM\_LEFT))**

trim string on the left side

**4.1.2.5 #define rxv\_spin\_strimr(s) rxv\_spin\_strim((s),(RXV\_SPIN\_TRIM\_RIGHT))**

trim string on the right side

**4.1.2.6 #define rxv\_spin\_lower(s)**

**Value:**

```
((s)?(rxv_spin_single(s)
    ?rxv_spin_datum(NULL,rxv_spin_slower(rxv_spin_string(s)),(s)) \
    :NULL)
:NULL)
```

convert single to lowercase

**4.1.2.7 #define rxv\_spin\_upper(s)**

**Value:**

```
((s)?(rxv_spin_single(s)
    ?rxv_spin_datum(NULL,rxv_spin_upper(rxv_spin_string(s)),(s)) \
    :NULL)
:NULL)
```

convert single to uppercase

**4.1.2.8 #define rxv\_spin\_trim(s, w)**

**Value:**

```
((s)?(rxv_spin_single(s)
    ?rxv_spin_datum(NULL,rxv_spin_strim(rxv_spin_string(s),(w)),(s)) \
    :NULL)
:NULL)
```

trim single

**4.1.2.9 #define rxv\_spin\_trim2(s) rxv\_spin\_trim((s),(RXV\_SPIN\_TRIM\_LEFT|RXV\_SPIN\_TRIM\_RIGHT))**

trim single on both sides

**4.1.2.10 #define rxv\_spin\_triml(s) rxv\_spin\_trim((s),(RXV\_SPIN\_TRIM\_LEFT))**

trim single on the left side

**4.1.2.11 #define rxv\_spin\_trimr(s) rxv\_spin\_trim((s),(RXV\_SPIN\_TRIM\_RIGHT))**

trim single on the right side

**4.1.3 Typedef Documentation****4.1.3.1 typedef struct rxv\_spin\_data rxv\_spin\_data\_t**

data type

**4.1.3.2 typedef struct rxv\_spin\_curs rxv\_spin\_curs\_t**

cursor type

**4.1.4 Enumeration Type Documentation****4.1.4.1 enum rxv\_spin\_trim\_e**

**Enumerator:**

*RXV\_SPIN\_TRIM\_LEFT* trim whitespace on the left

*RXV\_SPIN\_TRIM\_RIGHT* trim whitespace on the right

**4.1.5 Function Documentation****4.1.5.1 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_datum (apr\_pool\_t \* *pool*, const char \* *str*, rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* *data*)**

Create single data from from a nul terminated string. String is not copied.

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool for allocation of data structure

*str* String to create data from

*data* Pointer to existing data or NULL to allocate anew

**Returns:**

rxv\_spin\_data\_t pointer, structure allocated from the pool, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_datum(pool, "some string", NULL);
```

**Remarks:**

Pool can be NULL is data is not NULL.

**4.1.5.2 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_mdatum (apr\_pool\_t \* *pool*, const char \* *str*, apr\_size\_t *size*, rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* *data*)**

Create single data from from a counted string. Although the string is counted, it has to end with a nul character. This function will check for it and if it isn't there, it'll refuse to create the single. Keep in mind that the memory allocated for the counted string will be size + 1, meaning, if it isn't, the check for that nul character at the end may cause a segfault. String is not copied.

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool for allocation of data structure  
*str* String to create data from  
*size* Size of the string, not counting the ending nul character  
*data* Pointer to existing data or NULL to allocate anew

**Returns:**

rxv\_spin\_data\_t pointer, structure allocated from the pool, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_mdatum(pool, "1234567890", 10, NULL);
```

**Remarks:**

Pool can be NULL is data is not NULL.

**4.1.5.3 char\* rxv\_spin\_string (rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* single)**

Get a nul terminated string from single data. String is not copied.

**Parameters:**

*single* Single data

**Returns:**

nul terminated string, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_string(data);
```

**4.1.5.4 apr\_hash\_t\* rxv\_spin\_guts (rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* rows)**

Get a hash table from rows data. Hash table is not copied.

**Parameters:**

*rows* Rows data

**Returns:**

pointer to hash table NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_guts(data);
```

**Remarks:**

Values in the hash table are apr\_array\_header\_t pointers. The arrays contain rxv\_spin\_data\_t (meaning: array->elts is rxv\_spin\_data\_t pointer), so it is possible to use this mechanism to iterate through individual columns as well. If you do modify data this way, make sure all arrays contained in the hash have the same size, or you may get segfaults when you try to access the data. Keep in mind that although you can find out the size of the rxv\_spin\_data\_t this way, it is still an opaque type that should be access through mod\_spin API.

#### 4.1.5.5 `apr_size_t rxv_spin_size (rxv_spin_data_t * data)`

Get the size of data. This does not include terminating nul byte for single. Number of rows is returned for rows.

##### Parameters:

*data* Data

##### Returns:

size of single or rows or 0 on error

##### Example:

```
rxv_spin_size(data);
```

#### 4.1.5.6 `rxv_spin_data_t* rxv_spin_column (apr_pool_t * pool, const char * name, rxv_spin_data_t * data, ...)`

Create a column of data from other data. The data returned is of type rows. Data is not copied.

##### Parameters:

*pool* Pool for allocation of data structure

*name* Name of the column

*data* Pointer to existing data or NULL to allocate anew

... List of rxv\_spin\_data\_t\*, ending with NULL

##### Returns:

rxv\_spin\_data\_t pointer, structures allocated from the pool, NULL on error

##### Example:

```
rxv_spin_column(pool, "column1", NULL,
               rxv_spin_rows(pool, NULL, x, y, z, NULL),
               rxv_spin_rows(pool, NULL, u, v, w, NULL),
               rxv_spin_single(pool, "some important data", NULL),
               NULL);
```

#### 4.1.5.7 `rxv_spin_data_t* rxv_spin_parse (apr_pool_t * pool, const char * name, char * str, const char * sep, rxv_spin_data_t * data)`

Create a column of data by parsing a string. The data returned is of type rows. String to parse is NOT copied into pool storage before parsing, therefore, if you want to parse constant strings, you MUST copy them. This function actually chops up the string that is passed into it, so if the string is supposed to be used somewhere else, you may get a nasty surprise after calling this function. It is safer to make a copy.

##### Parameters:

*pool* Pool for allocation of data structure

*name* Name of the column

*str* String to parse

*sep* Separators to use when parsing  
*data* Pointer to existing data or NULL to allocate anew

**Returns:**

rxv\_spin\_data\_t pointer, structures allocated from the pool, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_parse(pool, "column1",
               apr_pstrdup(pool, "first str,second str/third str"),
               ", /", NULL);
```

#### 4.1.5.8 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_brigade (apr\_pool\_t \* *pool*, const char \* *name*, apr\_bucket\_brigade \* *bb*, rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* *data*)

Create a column of data by reading a bucket brigade. The data returned is of type rows. All read data is copied into the storage allocated from the pool.

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool for allocation of data structure  
*name* Name of the column  
*bb* Bucket brigade to read  
*data* Pointer to existing data or NULL to allocate anew

**Returns:**

rxv\_spin\_data\_t pointer, structures allocated from the pool, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_bgdcol(pool, "column1", bb, NULL);
```

#### 4.1.5.9 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_null (apr\_pool\_t \* *pool*, const char \* *name*, apr\_size\_t *size*, rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* *data*)

Create an empty column of data. The size of the column is usually picked up from an existing rows data type.

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool for allocation of data structures  
*name* Name of the column  
*size* Size (number of elements) of the column to create  
*data* Pointer to existing data or NULL to allocate anew

**Returns:**

rxv\_spin\_data\_t pointer, structures allocated from the pool, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_nulcol(pool, "column1", rxv_spin_rws_len(r), NULL);
```

**Remarks:**

This function is useful for creating boilerplate columns.

**4.1.5.10 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_rows (apr\_pool\_t \* *pool*, rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* *data*, ...)**

Merge rows of data. If rows contain different array lengths, the biggest size will be used. Data is not copied.

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool for allocation of data structure  
*data* Pointer to existing data or NULL to allocate anew  
 ... List of rxv\_spin\_data\_t\*, ending with NULL

**Returns:**

rxv\_spin\_data\_t pointer, structures allocated from the pool, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_rows (pool, NULL, def, ghi, xyz, NULL);
```

**Remarks:**

Rows that appear later in the argument list override columns of the same name from earlier arguments. If columns need to have their size adjusted, empty elements will be pushed to the end of the arrays that columns point to. Note that give that data isn't copied, this resizing affects original columns too.

**4.1.5.11 apr\_size\_t rxv\_spin\_first (apr\_pool\_t \* *pool*, rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* *rows*, ...)**

Get first row of data.

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool for allocation of data structure  
*rows* Data to get the first row from  
 ... List of column names (char\*) and cursors (rxv\_spin\_curs\_t \*\*), ending with NULL

**Returns:**

1 if successful, or 0 if no rows available

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_curs_t *c1=NULL, *c2=NULL;
rxv_spin_first (pool, rows, "column1", &c1, "column2", &c2, NULL);
```

**4.1.5.12 apr\_size\_t rxv\_spin\_next (rxv\_spin\_curs\_t \* *curs*)**

Get next row of data.

**Parameters:**

*curs* Pointer to the cursor

**Returns:**

current row number, counted from 1, or 0 if no more available

**Example:**

```
for (r=rxv_spin_first (p, rws, "c1", &c1, NULL); r; r=rxv_spin_next (c1)) {  
    ...  
}
```

**Remarks:**

Note that it is sufficient to call `rxv_spin_next()` just once on any of the cursors that have been initialised through `rxv_spin_first()` to get the next row on all of them.

**4.1.5.13 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_this (rxv\_spin\_curs\_t \* curs)**

Get data from the cursor.

**Parameters:**

*curs* Pointer to to the cursor

**Returns:**

rxv\_spin\_data\_t pointer, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
data=rxv_spin_this (curs);
```

**4.1.5.14 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_entry (rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* rows, const char \* name, apr\_size\_t index)**

Get an entry from rows of data.

**Parameters:**

*rows* Rows data

*name* Name of the column

*index* Row number, starting at 1

**Returns:**

rxv\_spin\_data\_t pointer, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
data=rxv_spin_entry (rows, "thiscolumn", 3);
```

**4.1.5.15 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_resize (rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* data, apr\_size\_t size)**

Resize rows.

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool for all memory allocation

*data* Data, rows or metadata type only



*size* New size

**Returns:**

resized data, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_resize(data, 100);
```

**Remarks:**

If the requested size is smaller than original size, only the size field will be adjusted. If the requested size is larger, the structures containing pointers to data will be copied to the newly allocated memory space. If you rely on the old data (i.e. before resizing) in any way, you might create big problems, even security related ones.

**4.1.5.16 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_copy (apr\_pool\_t \* *pool*, rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* *src*, rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* *data*)**

Make a copy of data. The result is a full, deep copy (i.e. there is not a single byte in common with the original).

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool for all memory allocation

*src* Data to copy, any type

*data* Pointer to existing data or NULL to allocate anew

**Returns:**

copy of the data, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_copy(pool, data, NULL);
```

**Remarks:**

If you're using this function on rows, the copying might take a while, as all memory is going to be allocated from the pool and all data and structures are going to be copied, down to the last string. In such a scenario, only use this function if you are planning on putting the result into context as a new item, or you need to keep the original data for some other reason.

**4.1.5.17 char\* rxv\_spin\_slower (const char \* *str*)**

Convert a string to lowercase. String pushed into the function is modified, no copy is made.

**Parameters:**

*str* String to convert, nul terminated

**Returns:**

the same string in lowercase, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_slower(single);
```

**4.1.5.18 char\* rxv\_spin\_supper (const char \* str)**

Convert a string to uppercase. String pushed into the function is modified, no copy is made.

**Parameters:**

*str* String to convert, nul terminated

**Returns:**

the same string in uppercase, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_supper(single);
```

**4.1.5.19 char\* rxv\_spin\_strim (const char \* str, rxv\_spin\_trim\_e what)**

Trim whitespace from a string. No copy is made. You MUST copy the string if you're trimming constant strings.

**Parameters:**

*str* String

*what* Trim left: RXV\_SPIN\_TRIM\_LEFT, trim right: RXV\_SPIN\_TRIM\_RIGHT

**Returns:**

the same string trimmed, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_str_trim(apr_strdup(pool, " string with whitespace "),
                 RXV_SPIN_TRIM_LEFT | RXV_SPIN_TRIM_RIGHT);
```

**4.2 Context functions****Defines**

- #define [rxv\\_spin\\_sget](#)(ctx, key) rxv\_spin\_string(rxv\_spin\_get((ctx),(key)))
- #define [rxv\\_spin\\_sset](#)(ctx, key, val) rxv\_spin\_set((ctx),(key),rxv\_spin\_datum(rxv\_spin\_pool(ctx),(val),NULL))
- #define [rxv\\_spin\\_del](#)(ctx, key) rxv\_spin\_set((ctx),(key),NULL)

**Typedefs**

- typedef struct rxv\_spin\_ctx [rxv\\_spin\\_ctx\\_t](#)

**Functions**

- apr\_pool\_t \* [rxv\\_spin\\_pool](#) (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx)
- apr\_pool\_t \* [rxv\\_spin\\_ppool](#) (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx)
- [rxv\\_spin\\_data\\_t](#) \* [rxv\\_spin\\_data](#) (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx)

- `request_rec * rxv_spin_r (rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx)`
- `apreq_handle_t * rxv_spin_req (rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx)`
- `void * rxv_spin_xget (rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx)`
- `void * rxv_spin_xset (rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx, void *extra)`
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_get (rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx, const char *key)`
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_set (rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx, const char *key, rxv_spin_data_t *value)`

### 4.2.1 Detailed Description

Context functions (mod\_spin API)

### 4.2.2 Define Documentation

#### 4.2.2.1 `#define rxv_spin_sget(ctx, key) rxv_spin_string(rxv_spin_get((ctx),(key)))`

get a string from the context by converting from single

#### 4.2.2.2 `#define rxv_spin_sset(ctx, key, val) rxv_spin_set((ctx),(key),rxv_spin_datum(rxv_spin_pool(ctx),(val),NULL))`

set a string into context by converting to single

#### 4.2.2.3 `#define rxv_spin_del(ctx, key) rxv_spin_set((ctx),(key),NULL)`

delete a value from context

### 4.2.3 Typedef Documentation

#### 4.2.3.1 `typedef struct rxv_spin_ctx rxv_spin_ctx_t`

context type

### 4.2.4 Function Documentation

#### 4.2.4.1 `apr_pool_t* rxv_spin_pool (rxv_spin_ctx_t * ctx)`

Retrieve context specific pool.

#### Parameters:

*ctx* Context

#### Returns:

pointer to context specific pool, NULL on error

#### Example:

```
rxv_spin_pool (ctx);
```

**4.2.4.2 apr\_pool\_t\* rxv\_spin\_ppool (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx)**

Retrieve process specific pool.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

**Returns:**

pointer to process specific pool, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_ppool (ctx);
```

**4.2.4.3 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_data (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx)**

Retrieve data from context.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

**Returns:**

pointer to data, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_data (ctx);
```

**4.2.4.4 request\_rec\* rxv\_spin\_r (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx)**

Retrieve Apache request from context.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

**Returns:**

pointer to Apache request, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_r (ctx);
```

**4.2.4.5 apreq\_handle\_t\* rxv\_spin\_req (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx)**

Retrieve parsed request from context.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

**Returns:**

pointer to parsed request, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_req(ctx);
```

**4.2.4.6 void\* rxv\_spin\_xget (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx)**

Retrieve extra data from the context.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

**Returns:**

pointer to extra data, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_xget(ctx);
```

**4.2.4.7 void\* rxv\_spin\_xset (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, void \* extra)**

Set extra data into the context.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

*extra* Pointer to extra data to set into the context

**Returns:**

pointer to extra data, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_xset(ctx, somedata);
```

**4.2.4.8 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_get (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, const char \* key)**

Retrieve data from the context.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

*key* Unique key by which this data is identified

**Returns:**

pointer to data, NULL if not found

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_get(ctx, "result");
```

#### 4.2.4.9 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_set (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, const char \* key, rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* value)

Place data into the context.

##### Parameters:

*ctx* Context

*key* Unique key by which this data is identified

*value* The actual data

##### Returns:

pointer to data, NULL on error

##### Example:

```
rxv_spin_set(ctx, "result", result);
```

##### Remarks:

This function is also used for context data removal, through a macro. In such a case, NULL return value is not necessarily a failure.

##### Warning:

The data set into the context has to have at least the lifetime of the request. Anything less and the pool used to hold the data may get cleaned before the bucket holding the value gets created. In most cases, this will result in a segfault.

Do not put data allocated from the heap (with malloc(), calloc() and friends) into the context unless you set up cleanup functions that will free the allocated space. Although the context itself and the bucket brigade passed to Apache will be cleaned automatically (because it is allocated from the pool and/or has relevant cleanup functions), the heap storage space has to be freed explicitly. The safest option is to always use data allocated from the request pool.

## 4.3 Application and session functions

### Defines

- #define `rxv_spin_app_sget`(ctx, key) rxv\_spin\_string(rxv\_spin\_app\_get((ctx),(key)))
- #define `rxv_spin_app_sset`(ctx, key, val) rxv\_spin\_app\_set((ctx),(key),rxv\_spin\_datum(rxv\_spin\_pool(ctx),(val),NULL))
- #define `rxv_spin_ses_sget`(ctx, key) rxv\_spin\_string(rxv\_spin\_ses\_get((ctx),(key)))
- #define `rxv_spin_ses_sset`(ctx, key, val) rxv\_spin\_ses\_set((ctx),(key),rxv\_spin\_datum(rxv\_spin\_pool(ctx),(val),NULL))

### Functions

- rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* rxv\_spin\_app\_get (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx, const char \*key)
- rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* rxv\_spin\_app\_set (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx, const char \*key, rxv\_spin\_data\_t \*val)
- apr\_status\_t rxv\_spin\_app\_del (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx, const char \*key)
- rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* rxv\_spin\_ses\_get (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx, const char \*key)
- rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* rxv\_spin\_ses\_set (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx, const char \*key, rxv\_spin\_data\_t \*val)
- apr\_status\_t rxv\_spin\_ses\_del (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx, const char \*key)

- void `rxv_spin_ses_kill` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)
- char \* `rxv_spin_ses_id` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)
- int `rxv_spin_ses_valid` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)
- apr\_time\_t `rxv_spin_ses_atime` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)

#### 4.3.1 Detailed Description

Application and session functions (mod\_spin API)

#### 4.3.2 Define Documentation

##### 4.3.2.1 #define rxv\_spin\_app\_sget(ctx, key) rxv\_spin\_string(rxv\_spin\_app\_get((ctx),(key)))

get a string from application instead of single

##### 4.3.2.2 #define rxv\_spin\_app\_sset(ctx, key, val) rxv\_spin\_app\_set((ctx),(key),rxv\_spin\_datum(rxv\_spin\_pool(ctx),(val),NULL))

set string into application instead of single

##### 4.3.2.3 #define rxv\_spin\_ses\_sget(ctx, key) rxv\_spin\_string(rxv\_spin\_ses\_get((ctx),(key)))

get a string from session instead of single

##### 4.3.2.4 #define rxv\_spin\_ses\_sset(ctx, key, val) rxv\_spin\_ses\_set((ctx),(key),rxv\_spin\_datum(rxv\_spin\_pool(ctx),(val),NULL))

set string into application instead of single

#### 4.3.3 Function Documentation

##### 4.3.3.1 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_app\_get (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, const char \* key)

Retrieve a value from the application store.

##### Parameters:

*ctx* Context

*key* Unique key by which this value is identified

##### Returns:

pointer to the value, NULL on error

##### Example:

```
rxv_spin_app_get(ctx,"some application key");
```

#### 4.3.3.2 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_app\_set (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, const char \* key, rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* val)

Put value in the application store.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context  
*key* Unique key by which this value is identified  
*val* Value to be placed in the store (single)

**Returns:**

pointer to the value, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_app_set(ctx, "some application key",  
                rxv_spin_datum(pool, "some application value", NULL));
```

**Warning:**

The data set into the application store has to have at least the lifetime of the request. Anything less and the pool used to hold the data may get cleaned before the bucket holding the value gets created. In most cases, this will result in a segfault.

#### 4.3.3.3 apr\_status\_t rxv\_spin\_app\_del (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, const char \* key)

Delete a record in the application store.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context  
*key* Unique key by which record is identified

**Returns:**

APR\_SUCCESS on success, otherwise an error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_app_del(ctx, "some application key");
```

**Remarks:**

It is not an error to delete and non-existent record.

#### 4.3.3.4 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_ses\_get (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, const char \* key)

Retrieve a value from the session store.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context  
*key* Unique key by which this value is identified



**Returns:**

pointer to the value, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_app_get(ctx, "some session key");
```

**4.3.3.5 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_ses\_set (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, const char \* key, rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* val)**

Put value in the session store.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

*key* Unique key by which this value is identified

*val* Value to be placed in the store (single)

**Returns:**

pointer to the value, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_app_set(ctx, "some session key",  
                rxv_spin_datum(pool, "some session value", NULL));
```

**Warning:**

The data set into the session store has to have at least the lifetime of the request. Anything less and the pool used to hold the data may get cleaned before the bucket holding the value gets created. In most cases, this will result in a segfault.

**4.3.3.6 apr\_status\_t rxv\_spin\_ses\_del (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, const char \* key)**

Delete a record in the session store.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

*key* Unique key by which record is identified

**Returns:**

APR\_SUCCESS on success, otherwise an error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_ses_del(ctx, "some session key");
```

**Remarks:**

It is not an error to delete and non-existent record.

**4.3.3.7 void rxv\_spin\_ses\_kill (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx)**

Kill the session

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_ses_kill(ctx);
```

**Remarks:**

Destroys the session by marking session data for removal from the store. Note that session cookie will still get served. This function would usually be used to log users out of the system, as any session data would have to be reestablished once user logs back in.

**4.3.3.8 char\* rxv\_spin\_ses\_id (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx)**

Get session id

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

**Returns:**

Session id or NULL if no session support exists

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_ses_id(ctx);
```

**Remarks:**

This function fetches a string representation of the session id, which draws its origin from `mod_unique_id`. If `mod_unique_id` isn't present in Apache, this function returns NULL. Note that the fact that one can get a session id does not mean that there is a valid session in existence (that is to say, that the client accepted the session). Use [rxv\\_spin\\_ses\\_valid\(\)](#) function to find that out.

**4.3.3.9 int rxv\_spin\_ses\_valid (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx)**

Find out if the session is valid.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

**Returns:**

1 if valid, otherwise 0

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_ses_valid(ctx);
```

**Remarks:**

If the client accepted this session, this function returns 1. This will only be true if the client submitted a valid session id and its relevant hash to `mod_spin`. Also, the session will not be considered valid if there are path tricks in the session id (this is unlikely to happen, due to hash checking, but nevertheless).

**4.3.3.10 apr\_time\_t rxv\_spin\_ses\_atime (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx)**

Last access time for the session.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

**Returns:**

Access time, 0 if session has been killed or on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_ses_atime(ctx);
```

**4.4 Database functions****Functions**

- apr\_pool\_t \* rxv\_spin\_db\_pool (rxv\_spin\_db\_t \*db)
- char \* rxv\_spin\_db\_cinfo (rxv\_spin\_db\_t \*db)
- const apr\_dbd\_driver\_t \* rxv\_spin\_db\_driver (rxv\_spin\_db\_t \*db)
- apr\_dbd\_t \* rxv\_spin\_db\_handle (rxv\_spin\_db\_t \*db)
- apr\_dbd\_transaction\_t \* rxv\_spin\_db\_txn (rxv\_spin\_db\_txn\_t \*txn)
- rxv\_spin\_db\_t \* rxv\_spin\_db\_open (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx, const char \*conninfo)
- apr\_status\_t rxv\_spin\_db\_close (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \*db)
- apr\_status\_t rxv\_spin\_db\_status (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \*db)
- rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* rxv\_spin\_db\_data (apr\_pool\_t \*pool, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \*db, apr\_dbd\_results\_t \*dbdres)
- rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* rxv\_spin\_db\_select (apr\_pool\_t \*pool, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \*db, const char \*query)
- int rxv\_spin\_db\_query (apr\_pool\_t \*pool, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \*db, const char \*query)
- rxv\_spin\_data\_t \* rxv\_spin\_db\_pselect (apr\_pool\_t \*pool, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \*db, const char \*query,...)
- int rxv\_spin\_db\_pquery (apr\_pool\_t \*pool, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \*db, const char \*query,...)
- rxv\_spin\_db\_txn\_t \* rxv\_spin\_db\_start (apr\_pool\_t \*pool, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \*db)
- apr\_status\_t rxv\_spin\_db\_end (rxv\_spin\_db\_txn\_t \*txn)

**4.4.1 Detailed Description**

Database functions (mod\_spin API)

**4.4.2 Function Documentation****4.4.2.1 apr\_pool\_t\* rxv\_spin\_db\_pool (rxv\_spin\_db\_t \* db)**

Retrieve database specific pool.

**Parameters:**

*db* Database connection

**Returns:**

pointer to database specific pool, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_db_pool(db);
```

**4.4.2.2 char\* rxv\_spin\_db\_cinfo (rxv\_spin\_db\_t \* db)**

Retrieve database connection information.

**Parameters:**

*db* Database connection

**Returns:**

pointer to connection information, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_db_cinfo(db);
```

**4.4.2.3 const apr\_dbd\_driver\_t\* rxv\_spin\_db\_driver (rxv\_spin\_db\_t \* db)**

Retrieve database driver.

**Parameters:**

*db* Database connection

**Returns:**

pointer to database driver, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_db_driver(db);
```

**4.4.2.4 apr\_dbd\_t\* rxv\_spin\_db\_handle (rxv\_spin\_db\_t \* db)**

Retrieve database handle.

**Parameters:**

*db* Database connection

**Returns:**

pointer to database handle, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_db_handle(db);
```

**4.4.2.5 apr\_dbd\_transaction\_t\* rxv\_spin\_db\_txn (rxv\_spin\_db\_txn\_t \* txn)**

Retrieve database transaction.

**Parameters:**

*txn* Database transaction

**Returns:**

pointer to database transaction, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_db_txn(txn);
```

**Remarks:**

This function returns underlying Apache Portable Runtime DBD transaction.

**4.4.2.6 rxv\_spin\_db\_t\* rxv\_spin\_db\_open (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, const char \* conninfo)**

Connect to a database and optionally pool the connection.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

*conninfo* Connection string

**Returns:**

pointer to a database connection, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_db_open(ctx, "pgsql:dbname=spintest");
```

**Remarks:**

Whether or not the connection will be pooled, depends on what has been set as connection pool value in the context. And this depends on the SpinConnPool configuration parameter (default is on). Valid database prefixes are postgres, mysql, sqlite2, sqlite3, oracle, freetds etc., depending on the drivers that have been compiled and linked with Apache Portable Runtime Utilities Library (APU).

Connections will be pooled by using connection string as a key into the hash. So, if a connection string differs in the amount of white space or case, this will open a new connection.

Cleanup will be registered with the context pool.

**4.4.2.7 apr\_status\_t rxv\_spin\_db\_close (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \* db)**

Close a database connection.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

*db* Pointer to a database connection

**Returns:**

APR\_SUCCESS on success, otherwise an error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_db_close(ctx, db);
```

**4.4.2.8 apr\_status\_t rxv\_spin\_db\_status (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \* db)**

Get the status of the connection.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

*db* Database connection

**Returns:**

APR\_SUCCESS if OK, otherwise an error

**Example:**

```
if (rxv_spin_db_status(ctx, db) != APR_SUCCESS) {  
    ...  
}
```

**Remarks:**

If this function returns any code other than success (for valid ctx and db), the database connection should not be used again.

**4.4.2.9 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_db\_data (apr\_pool\_t \* pool, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \* db, apr\_dbd\_results\_t \* dbdres)**

Convert APR DBD SQL result set to mod\_spin database result.

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool used for memory allocation

*db* Database connection

*dbdres* APR DBD results

**Returns:**

Valid rxv\_spin\_data\_t pointer, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_db_data(pool, conn, db, dbdres);
```

**Remarks:**

Make sure the pool passed into this function is the same one used for select or you will have memory allocation problems.

**4.4.2.10 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_db\_select (apr\_pool\_t \* *pool*, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \* *db*, const char \* *query*)**

Execute a database query that returns a result set (i.e. SELECT).

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool used for memory allocation

*db* Database connection

*query* SQL query to be performed

**Returns:**

Valid rxv\_spin\_data\_t pointer, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
result=rxv_spin_db_select(pool,db,"select * from spintest");
```

**Remarks:**

If the query finished successfully, returned data will not be NULL, but a pointer to an empty data structure.

**4.4.2.11 int rxv\_spin\_db\_query (apr\_pool\_t \* *pool*, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \* *db*, const char \* *query*)**

Execute a database query that doesn't return a result set.

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool used for memory allocation

*db* Database connection

*query* SQL query to be performed

**Returns:**

Number of rows affected, -1 on error

**Example:**

```
nrows=rxv_spin_db_query(pool,db,"delete from spintest");
```

**4.4.2.12 rxv\_spin\_data\_t\* rxv\_spin\_db\_pselect (apr\_pool\_t \* *pool*, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \* *db*, const char \* *query*, ...)**

Prepare and execute database that returns a result set (i.e. SELECT)

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool used for memory allocation

*db* Database connection

*query* SQL query to be prepared and executed

... Parameters for prepared statement, (char \*)

**Returns:**

Valid rxv\_spin\_data\_t pointer, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
result=rxv_spin_db_pselect(pool,db,"select * from names where name = %s",
                           "Dude",NULL);
```

**Remarks:**

Prepared statements done using this function only accept string parameters. For anything more complicated, use native database API and then convert the data so it can be used within the context. Make sure the number of paramters passed is correct, or you may be in for a nasty surprise when your program segfaults.

**Warning:**

Make sure you use %s where the replaced parameter is supposed to go. This is the official Apache Portable Runtime DBD way :-).

The last parameter in the list should be NULL and it has to be specified even when there are no other parameters.

**4.4.2.13 int rxv\_spin\_db\_pquery (apr\_pool\_t \* pool, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \* db, const char \* query, ...)**

Prepare and execute database that doesn't return a result set.

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool used for memory allocation

*db* Database connection

*query* SQL query to be prepared and executed

... Parameters for prepared statement, (char \*)

**Returns:**

Number of rows affected, -1 on error

**Example:**

```
nrows=rxv_spin_db_pquery(pool,db,"delete from names where name = %s",
                           "Dude",NULL);
```

**Remarks:**

Prepared statements done using this function only accept string parameters. For anything more complicated, use native database API and then convert the data so it can be used within the context. Make sure the number of paramters passed is correct, or you may be in for a nasty surprise when your program segfaults.

**Warning:**

Make sure you use %s where the replaced parameter is supposed to go. This is the official Apache Portable Runtime DBD way :-).

The last parameter in the list should be NULL and it has to be specified even when there are no other parameters.



**4.4.2.14 rxv\_spin\_db\_txn\_t\* rxv\_spin\_db\_start (apr\_pool\_t \* *pool*, rxv\_spin\_db\_t \* *db*)**

Start a transaction.

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool used for memory allocation  
*db* Database connection

**Returns:**

Pointer to a valid transaction, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
txn=rxv_spin_db_start(pool,db);
```

**Remarks:**

The pool is also used to register a cleanup function for the transaction. It makes little sense to have transactions more permanent than one request, so this should always be the request pool, which can be obtained from the context.

**4.4.2.15 apr\_status\_t rxv\_spin\_db\_end (rxv\_spin\_db\_txn\_t \* *txn*)**

End a transaction.

**Parameters:**

*txn* Database transaction

**Returns:**

APR\_SUCCESS on success, otherwise an error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_db_end(txn);
```

## 4.5 Connection functions

**Functions**

- void \* [rxv\\_spin\\_conn\\_get](#) (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx, const char \*conninfo)
- void \* [rxv\\_spin\\_conn\\_set](#) (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx, const char \*conninfo, void \*conn, apr\_status\_t(\*cleanup)(void \*data))

### 4.5.1 Detailed Description

Connection functions (mod\_spin API)

### 4.5.2 Function Documentation

#### 4.5.2.1 void\* rxv\_spin\_conn\_get (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, const char \* conninfo)

Get a registered connection from the connection pool.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

*conninfo* Connection string for this connection

**Returns:**

Pointer to the connection or NULL if not found

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_conn_get (ctx, "openldap:ldap://ldap.example.com/dc=example,dc=com");
```

#### 4.5.2.2 void\* rxv\_spin\_conn\_set (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \* ctx, const char \* conninfo, void \* conn, apr\_status\_t(\*) (void \*data) cleanup)

Register a connection with the connection pool.

**Parameters:**

*ctx* Context

*conninfo* Connection string for this connection

*conn* Connection pointer

*cleanup* Cleanup function to call on pool destruction

**Returns:**

Pointer to the connection, NULL on error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_conn_set (ctx, "openldap:ldap://host.domain/dc=example,dc=com",  
                  ldapconn, ldap_cleanup);
```

**Remarks:**

This function will register the connection even if the connection with the same key already exists. This may lead to multiple cleanup functions being registered for the same connection and eventually segfaults. Use [rxv\\_spin\\_conn\\_get\(\)](#) function to verify if the connection was registered before.

**Warning:**

If you decide to close the connection by hand, you must remove the cleanup function from the thread specific pool (you can find out what that is by calling `rxv_spin_tpool()`).

The lifetime of the connection and all other variables passed into this function has to be at least the lifetime of the connection pool you are registering the connection with. Normally, connection pools have thread lifetime, so if you have shorter lifetime for your connection (e.g. request, connection) or the connect string, you are setting yourself up for segfaults. Also, if the lifetime of the connection is longer than the one of the connection pool, for instance, if it has the lifetime of the process and you are registering it with the regular thread based connection pool, you may experience segfaults if you rely on that connection once the thread exited.

## 4.6 Application entry functions

### Typedefs

- typedef void(\* rxv\_spin\_init\_t)(rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx)
- typedef int(\* rxv\_spin\_prepare\_t)(rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx)
- typedef int(\* rxv\_spin\_service\_t)(rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx)

#### 4.6.1 Detailed Description

Application entry functions (mod\_spin API)

#### 4.6.2 Typedef Documentation

##### 4.6.2.1 typedef void(\* rxv\_spin\_init\_t)(rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx)

init function

##### 4.6.2.2 typedef int(\* rxv\_spin\_prepare\_t)(rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx)

prepare function

##### 4.6.2.3 typedef int(\* rxv\_spin\_service\_t)(rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx)

service function

## 4.7 DSO loading functions

### Functions

- apr\_status\_t rxv\_spin\_dso\_load (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx, const char \*path, apr\_dso\_handle\_t \*\*handle)

#### 4.7.1 Detailed Description

DSO loading functions (mod\_spin API)

#### 4.7.2 Function Documentation

##### 4.7.2.1 apr\_status\_t rxv\_spin\_dso\_load (rxv\_spin\_ctx\_t \*ctx, const char \*path, apr\_dso\_handle\_t \*\*handle)

Load a DSO into the cache.

#### Parameters:

*ctx* Context

*path* Full path of the DSO to load

*handle* DSO handle

#### Returns:

APR\_SUCCESS on successful load, otherwise an error

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_dso_load(ctx, "/path/to/dso/object.so", &handle);
```

**Remarks:**

To preserve pool sanity, this function copies path into the memory allocated from the private pool.

## 4.8 Crypto functions

**Functions**

- char \* [rxv\\_spin\\_hash](#) (apr\_pool\_t \*pool, const char \*uniq)
- char \* [rxv\\_spin\\_hmac](#) (apr\_pool\_t \*pool, const char \*uniq, const char \*salt)

### 4.8.1 Detailed Description

Crypto functions (mod\_spin API)

### 4.8.2 Function Documentation

#### 4.8.2.1 char\* rxv\_spin\_hash (apr\_pool\_t \*pool, const char \*uniq)

Create MD5 hash, using ASCII letters only

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool for allocation the hash  
*uniq* String to hash

**Returns:**

MD5 hash of the string, 32 bytes long, encoded [a-p]

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_hash(pool, "some string");
```

#### 4.8.2.2 char\* rxv\_spin\_hmac (apr\_pool\_t \*pool, const char \*uniq, const char \*salt)

Create MD5 HMAC, using ASCII letters only

**Parameters:**

*pool* Pool for allocation the hash  
*uniq* String to hash  
*salt* Key used for HMAC, must be 64 bytes long

**Returns:**

MD5 HMAC of the string, 32 bytes long, encoded [a-p]

**Example:**

```
rxv_spin_hmac(pool, "some string", verysecretkey);
```

## 5 File Documentation

### 5.1 src/rxv\_spin.h File Reference

mod\_spin data structures and functions

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include <stddef.h>
#include <stdarg.h>
#include <string.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include <sys/types.h>
#include <apr_strings.h>
#include <apr_pools.h>
#include <apr_hash.h>
#include <apr_time.h>
#include <apr_dso.h>
#include <apr_buckets.h>
#include <apr_dbd.h>
#include <apreq_param.h>
#include <apreq_cookie.h>
#include <apreq_module.h>
#include <httpd.h>
#include <http_request.h>
#include <ap_regex.h>
```

#### Defines

- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_STDC\_HEADERS** 1
- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_HAVE\_UNISTD\_H** 1
- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_HAVE\_SYS\_TYPES\_H** 1
- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_HAVE\_APR\_STRINGS\_H** 1
- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_HAVE\_APR\_POOLS\_H** 1
- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_HAVE\_APR\_HASH\_H** 1
- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_HAVE\_APR\_TIME\_H** 1
- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_HAVE\_APR\_DSO\_H** 1
- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_HAVE\_APR\_BUCKETS\_H** 1
- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_HAVE\_APR\_DBD\_H** 1
- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_HAVE\_APREQ\_PARAM\_H** 1
- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_HAVE\_APREQ\_COOKIE\_H** 1
- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_HAVE\_APREQ\_MODULE\_H** 1
- #define **RXV\_SPIN\_HAVE\_HTTPD\_H** 1

- `#define RXV_SPIN_HAVE_HTTP_REQUEST_H 1`
- `#define RXV_SPIN_HAVE_AP_REGEX_H 1`
- `#define rxv_spin_multi(d) (!rxv_spin_string(d) && rxv_spin_size(d)>0)`
- `#define rxv_spin_single(d) (!rxv_spin_multi(d))`
- `#define rxv_spin_strim2(s) rxv_spin_strim((s),(RXV_SPIN_TRIM_LEFT|RXV_SPIN_TRIM_RIGHT))`
- `#define rxv_spin_striml(s) rxv_spin_strim((s),(RXV_SPIN_TRIM_LEFT))`
- `#define rxv_spin_strimr(s) rxv_spin_strim((s),(RXV_SPIN_TRIM_RIGHT))`
- `#define rxv_spin_lower(s)`
- `#define rxv_spin_upper(s)`
- `#define rxv_spin_trim(s, w)`
- `#define rxv_spin_trim2(s) rxv_spin_trim((s),(RXV_SPIN_TRIM_LEFT|RXV_SPIN_TRIM_RIGHT))`
- `#define rxv_spin_triml(s) rxv_spin_trim((s),(RXV_SPIN_TRIM_LEFT))`
- `#define rxv_spin_trimr(s) rxv_spin_trim((s),(RXV_SPIN_TRIM_RIGHT))`
- `#define rxv_spin_sget(ctx, key) rxv_spin_string(rxv_spin_get((ctx),(key)))`
- `#define rxv_spin_sset(ctx, key, val) rxv_spin_set((ctx),(key),rxv_spin_datum(rxv_spin_pool(ctx),(val),NULL))`
- `#define rxv_spin_del(ctx, key) rxv_spin_set((ctx),(key),NULL)`
- `#define rxv_spin_app_sget(ctx, key) rxv_spin_string(rxv_spin_app_get((ctx),(key)))`
- `#define rxv_spin_app_sset(ctx, key, val) rxv_spin_app_set((ctx),(key),rxv_spin_datum(rxv_spin_pool(ctx),(val),NULL))`
- `#define rxv_spin_ses_sget(ctx, key) rxv_spin_string(rxv_spin_ses_get((ctx),(key)))`
- `#define rxv_spin_ses_sset(ctx, key, val) rxv_spin_ses_set((ctx),(key),rxv_spin_datum(rxv_spin_pool(ctx),(val),NULL))`

### Typedefs

- `typedef struct rxv_spin_data rxv_spin_data_t`
- `typedef struct rxv_spin_curs rxv_spin_curs_t`
- `typedef struct rxv_spin_ctx rxv_spin_ctx_t`
- `typedef struct rxv_spin_db rxv_spin_db_t`
- `typedef struct rxv_spin_db_txn rxv_spin_db_txn_t`
- `typedef void(* rxv_spin_init_t)(rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx)`
- `typedef int(* rxv_spin_prepare_t)(rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx)`
- `typedef int(* rxv_spin_service_t)(rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx)`

### Enumerations

- `enum rxv_spin_trim_e { RXV_SPIN_TRIM_LEFT = 1, RXV_SPIN_TRIM_RIGHT }`

### Functions

- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_datum (apr_pool_t *pool, const char *str, rxv_spin_data_t *data)`
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_mdatum (apr_pool_t *pool, const char *str, apr_size_t size, rxv_spin_data_t *data)`
- `char * rxv_spin_string (rxv_spin_data_t *single)`
- `apr_hash_t * rxv_spin_guts (rxv_spin_data_t *rows)`
- `apr_size_t rxv_spin_size (rxv_spin_data_t *data)`
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_column (apr_pool_t *pool, const char *name, rxv_spin_data_t *data,...)`

- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_parse` (`apr_pool_t *pool`, `const char *name`, `char *str`, `const char *sep`, `rxv_spin_data_t *data`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_brigade` (`apr_pool_t *pool`, `const char *name`, `apr_bucket_brigade *bb`, `rxv_spin_data_t *data`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_null` (`apr_pool_t *pool`, `const char *name`, `apr_size_t size`, `rxv_spin_data_t *data`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_rows` (`apr_pool_t *pool`, `rxv_spin_data_t *data`,...)
- `apr_size_t rxv_spin_first` (`apr_pool_t *pool`, `rxv_spin_data_t *rows`,...)
- `apr_size_t rxv_spin_next` (`rxv_spin_curs_t *curs`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_this` (`rxv_spin_curs_t *curs`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_entry` (`rxv_spin_data_t *rows`, `const char *name`, `apr_size_t index`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_resize` (`rxv_spin_data_t *data`, `apr_size_t size`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_copy` (`apr_pool_t *pool`, `rxv_spin_data_t *src`, `rxv_spin_data_t *data`)
- `char * rxv_spin_slower` (`const char *str`)
- `char * rxv_spin_supper` (`const char *str`)
- `char * rxv_spin_strim` (`const char *str`, `rxv_spin_trim_e what`)
- `apr_pool_t * rxv_spin_pool` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)
- `apr_pool_t * rxv_spin_ppool` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_data` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)
- `request_rec * rxv_spin_r` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)
- `apreq_handle_t * rxv_spin_req` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)
- `void * rxv_spin_xget` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)
- `void * rxv_spin_xset` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`, `void *extra`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_get` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`, `const char *key`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_set` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`, `const char *key`, `rxv_spin_data_t *value`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_app_get` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`, `const char *key`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_app_set` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`, `const char *key`, `rxv_spin_data_t *val`)
- `apr_status_t rxv_spin_app_del` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`, `const char *key`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_ses_get` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`, `const char *key`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_ses_set` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`, `const char *key`, `rxv_spin_data_t *val`)
- `apr_status_t rxv_spin_ses_del` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`, `const char *key`)
- `void rxv_spin_ses_kill` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)
- `char * rxv_spin_ses_id` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)
- `int rxv_spin_ses_valid` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)
- `apr_time_t rxv_spin_ses_atime` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`)
- `apr_pool_t * rxv_spin_db_pool` (`rxv_spin_db_t *db`)
- `char * rxv_spin_db_cinfo` (`rxv_spin_db_t *db`)
- `const apr_dbd_driver_t * rxv_spin_db_driver` (`rxv_spin_db_t *db`)
- `apr_dbd_t * rxv_spin_db_handle` (`rxv_spin_db_t *db`)
- `apr_dbd_transaction_t * rxv_spin_db_txn` (`rxv_spin_db_txn_t *txn`)
- `rxv_spin_db_t * rxv_spin_db_open` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`, `const char *conninfo`)
- `apr_status_t rxv_spin_db_close` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`, `rxv_spin_db_t *db`)
- `apr_status_t rxv_spin_db_status` (`rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx`, `rxv_spin_db_t *db`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_db_data` (`apr_pool_t *pool`, `rxv_spin_db_t *db`, `apr_dbd_results_t *dbdres`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_db_select` (`apr_pool_t *pool`, `rxv_spin_db_t *db`, `const char *query`)
- `int rxv_spin_db_query` (`apr_pool_t *pool`, `rxv_spin_db_t *db`, `const char *query`)
- `rxv_spin_data_t * rxv_spin_db_pselect` (`apr_pool_t *pool`, `rxv_spin_db_t *db`, `const char *query`,...)
- `int rxv_spin_db_pquery` (`apr_pool_t *pool`, `rxv_spin_db_t *db`, `const char *query`,...)
- `rxv_spin_db_txn_t * rxv_spin_db_start` (`apr_pool_t *pool`, `rxv_spin_db_t *db`)

- `apr_status_t rxv_spin_db_end (rxv_spin_db_txn_t *txn)`
- `void * rxv_spin_conn_get (rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx, const char *conninfo)`
- `void * rxv_spin_conn_set (rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx, const char *conninfo, void *conn, apr_status_t(*cleanup)(void *data))`
- `apr_status_t rxv_spin_dso_load (rxv_spin_ctx_t *ctx, const char *path, apr_dso_handle_t **handle)`
- `char * rxv_spin_hash (apr_pool_t *pool, const char *uniq)`
- `char * rxv_spin_hmac (apr_pool_t *pool, const char *uniq, const char *salt)`

### 5.1.1 Detailed Description

mod\_spin data structures and functions

### 5.1.2 Typedef Documentation

#### 5.1.2.1 typedef struct rxv\_spin\_db rxv\_spin\_db\_t

database connection type

#### 5.1.2.2 typedef struct rxv\_spin\_db\_txn rxv\_spin\_db\_txn\_t

database transaction type



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