



## mod\_perl Quick Reference Card

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**mod\_perl** is an Apache module, created by Doug MacEachern, that embeds a Perl interpreter within the server. It provides a Perl API to Apache and adds a number of Apache configuration directives. Scripts using **mod\_perl** should import the *Apache* module, *Apache::Constants*, and other *Apache::* modules. A reference to the request object (denoted below by \$r) is passed to Perl handlers when they are invoked.

### Client request methods

```
$r = Apache->request();
$str = $r->args();                                # or %hash = ...
$c = $r->connection      # see Apache::Connection
$str = $r->content();                             # or %hash = ...
$str = $r->filename( [$newval] );
    $r->finfo();
$str = $r->get_remote_host( [$lookup_type] );
    # use Apache::Constants :remotehost tag
$str = $r->get_remote_logname();
$str = $r->header_in( $hdr [, $newval] );
$bool = $r->header_only();
$href = $r->headers_in();                          # or %hash = ...
$str = $r->method( [$newval] );
$num = $r->method_number( [$nv] );   # use :methods tag
$u = $r->parsed_uri();                           # see Apache::URI
$str = $r->path_info( [$newval] );
$str = $r->protocol();
$bool = $r->proxyreq( [$newval] );
    $r->read( $buf, $bytes_to_read );
$s = $r->server          # see Apache::Server
$str = $r->the_request();
$str = $r->uri( [$newval] );
```

### Server response methods

```
$num = $r->bytes_sent();
    $r->cgi_header_out( $hdr [, $newval] );
$str = $r->content_encoding( [$newval] );
$aref = $r->content_languages( [$newval] );
$str = $r->content_type( [$newval] );
    $r->custom_response( $code, $uri );
$str = $r->err_header_out( $hdr [, $newval] );
$href = $r->err_headers_out();                   # or %hash = ...
$str = $r->handler( [$newval] );
$str = $r->header_out( $hdr [, $newval] );
$href = $r->headers_out();                      # or %hash = ...
$bool = $r->no_cache( [$newval] );
$num = $r->request_time();
$num = $r->status( [$newval] );
$str = $r->status_line( [$newval] );
```

### Sending data to the client

```
$r->print( @list );                            # checks $/
$r->printf( $format, @args );
$r->rflush();
    $r->send_cgi_header( $str );
$len = $r->send_fd( $filehandle );
```

\$r->send\_http\_header( [\$content\_type] );

### Server core functions

```
$r->chdir_file( $file );
$r->child_terminate();
$r->hard_timeout( $msg );
$r->internal_redirect( $newplace );
    $r->internal_redirect_handler( $newplace );
$bool = $r->is_initial_req();
$bool = $r->is_main();
    $r->kill_timeout();
$str = $r->location();
$req = $r->last();
$req = $r->main();
$req = $r->next();
$str = $r->notes( $k[, $v] );   # or $tab = $r->notes()
$req = $r->prev();
    $r->register_cleanup( $code_ref );
    $r->reset_timeout();
    $r->soft_timeout( $msg );
$str = $r->subprocess_env( [$k [, $v]] );
```

### Server configuration methods

```
$str = $r->dir_config($k); #or $tab=$r->dir_config()
$str = $r->document_root();
$str = $r->get_server_name();
$num = $r->get_server_port();
$str = $r->server_root_relative( [$obj] );
```

### Logging and the Apache::Log class

```
$str = $r->as_string();
    $r->log_reason( $message, $file );
    $r->log_error( $message );
    $r->warn( $message );
$log = $r->log();
$log = $s->log();
    $log->emerg( { $str ... |$code_ref } );
    $log->alert( { $msg ... |$code_ref } );
    $log->crit( { $msg ... |$code_ref } );
    $log->error( { $msg ... |$code_ref } );
    $log->warn( { $msg ... |$code_ref } );
    $log->notice( { $msg ... |$code_ref } );
    $log->info( { $msg ... |$code_ref } );
    $log->debug( { $msg ... |$code_ref } );
```

### Access control methods

```
$opts = $r->allow_options();           # use :options tag
$str = $r->auth_name( [$newval] );
$str = $r->auth_type();
($rc, $pw) = $r->get_basic_auth_pw();
    $r->note_basic_auth_failure();
$aref = $r->requires();
$flag = $r->satisfies();             # use :satisfies tag
$bool = $r->some_auth_required();
```

### mod\_perl specific methods

```
$str = $r->current_callback();
$bool = $r->define( $name );
    Apache->exit( [$code] );
$fh = Apache->gensym();
```

```
$aref = $r->get_handlers( $str );
    Apache->httpd_conf( $str );
$bool = $r->module( $name );
$bool = Apache->perl_hook( $name );
    $r->post_connection( $code_ref );
    $r->push_handlers( $str => $code_ref );
$r = Apache->request( [$r] );
    $r->set_handlers( $str => $aref );
```

### Apache::SubRequest class

```
$subr = $r->lookup_uri($uri);
$subr = $r->lookup_file($filename);
$src = $subr->run();
```

### Apache::Server class

```
$s = Apache->server          # or $r->server
$bool = $s->is_virtual();
    $s->log_error();
$aref = $s->names();
$s = $s->next();
$num = $s->port();
$str = $s->server_admin();
$str = $s->server_hostname();
$num = $s->timeout( [$newval] );
    $s->warn();
```

### Apache::Connection class

```
$bool = $c->aborted();
$str = $c->auth_type();
$addr = $c->local_addr();
$addr = $c->remote_addr( [$addr] );
$str = $c->remote_host();
$str = $c->remote_ip( [$ip] );
$str = $c->remote_logname();
$str = $c->user( [$username] );
```

### Apache::Table class

```
$tab = Apache::Table->new( $r [, $size] );
    $tab->add( $key, $str_or_aref );
    $tab->clear();
    $tab->do( $code_ref );
    $tab->merge( $key, $str_or_aref );
    $tab->set( $key, $str );
$str = $tab->get( $key );                  # or @list = ...
    $tab->unset($key);
```

### Apache::URI class

```
$uri = Apache::URI->parse( $r [, $string_uri] );
$str = $uri->unparse();
$str = $uri->component( [$newval] );
(where component is one of: fragment, hostinfo, hostname, password, path_info, path, port, query, rpath, scheme, user)
```

### Apache::Util class

```
$str = Apache::Util::escape_html( $html );
$str = Apache::Util::escape_uri( $uri );
$str = Apache::Util::ht_time($time[, $fmt[, $bool]]);
$secs = Apache::Util::parsedate( $date_str );
$num = Apache::Util::size_string( $num );
$str = Apache::Util::unescape_uri( $uri );
$str = Apache::Util::unescape_uri_info( $uri );
```

## Apache::Constants class

The following export tag groups are defined (HTTP status code synonyms are given in brackets):

```
:common : OK, DECLINED, DONE, NOT_FOUND, FORBIDDEN,
        AUTH_REQUIRED (HTTP_UNAUTHORIZED), SERVER_ERROR

:response: DOCUMENT_FOLLOWS (HTTP_OK),
           MOVED (HTTP_MOVED_PERMANENTLY),
           REDIRECT (HTTP_MOVED_TEMPORARILY),
           USE_LOCAL_COPY (HTTP_NOT_MODIFIED),
           BAD_REQUEST, BAD_GATEWAY, NOT_IMPLEMENTED,
           CONTINUE, NOT_AUTHORITATIVE

:methods : M_CONNECT, M_COPY, M_DELETE, M_GET, M_INVALID,
           M_LOCK, M_MKCOL, M_MOVE, M_OPTIONS, M_PATCH, M_POST,
           M_PROPFIND, M_PROPPATCH, M_PUT, M_TRACE, M_UNLOCK, METHODS

:options: OPT_ALL, OPT_NONE, OPT_INDEXES, OPT_INCLUDES,
          OPT_SYM_LINKS, OPT_EXECCGI, OPT_UNSET,
          OPT_INCGNOEXEC, OPT_SYM_OWNER, OPT_MULTI,

:satisfies: SATISFY_ALL, SATISFY_ANY, SATISFY_NOSPEC

:server: MODULE_MAGIC_NUMBER, SERVER_BUILT, SERVER_VERSION

:remotehost: REMOTE_HOST, REMOTE_NAME, REMOTE_NOLOOKUP,
              REMOTE_DOUBLE_REV

:httplib includes only those HTTP status code constants shown below in bold type (other HTTP constants may be imported explicitly):
100 HTTP_CONTINUE          405 HTTP_METHOD_NOT_ALLOWED
101 HTTP_SWITCHING_PROTOCOLS 406 HTTP_NOT_ACCEPTABLE
200 HTTP_OK                407 HTTP_PROXY_AUTHENTICATION
201 HTTP_CREATED            REQUIRED
202 HTTP_ACCEPTED          408 HTTP_REQUEST_TIMEOUT
203 HTTP_NON_AUTHORITATIVE 409 HTTP_CONFLICT
204 HTTP_NO_CONTENT         410 HTTP_GONE
205 HTTP_RESET_CONTENT      411 HTTP_LENGTH_REQUIRED
206 HTTP_PARTIAL_CONTENT    412 HTTP_PRECONDITION_FAILED
300 HTTP_MULTIPLE_CHOICES   413 HTTP_REQUEST_ENTITY_TOO_LARGE
301 HTTP_MOVED_PERMANENTLY 414 HTTP_REQUEST_URI_TOO_LARGE
302 HTTP_MOVED_TEMPORARILY 415 HTTP_UNSUPPORTED_MEDIA_TYPE
303 HTTP_SEE_OTHER          500 HTTP_INTERNAL_SERVER_ERROR
304 HTTP_NOT_MODIFIED       501 HTTP_NOT_IMPLEMENTED
305 HTTP_USE_PROXY          502 HTTP_BAD_GATEWAY
400 HTTP_BAD_REQUEST        503 HTTP_SERVICE_UNAVAILABLE
401 HTTP_UNAUTHORIZED       504 HTTP_GATEWAY_TIME_OUT
402 HTTP_PAYMENT_REQUIRED   505 HTTP_VERSION_NOT_SUPPORTED
403 HTTP_FORBIDDEN          506 HTTP_VARIANT_ALSO_VARIES
404 HTTP_NOT_FOUND
```

## Magic global variables

```
$0, $^X, $|, $/, %@, %SIG, @INC, %INC, %ENV{MOD_PERL},
%ENV{GATEWAY_INTERFACE}, %ENV{PERL_SEND_HEADER}
```

## Special package Globals

```
$Apache::Server::CWD          $Apache::Server::SaveConfig
$Apache::Server::ReStarting    $Apache::Server::Starting
```

## HTTP 1.1 headers

### Syntax

Accept: media-types[:q=qvalue] [, ...]	Category
Accept-Charset: charset[:q=qvalue] [, ...]	REQUEST
Accept-Encoding: encoding[:q=qvalue] [, ...]	REQUEST
Accept-Language: lang[:q=qvalue] [, ...]	REQUEST
Accept-Ranges: {bytes none}	RESPONSE
Age: seconds	RESPONSE
Allow: method [, ...]	ENTITY
Authorization: scheme credentials	REQUEST
Cache-Control: directive	GENERAL
Connection: close	GENERAL
Content-Base: uri	ENTITY
Content-Encoding: enc	ENTITY
Content-Language: lang	ENTITY
Content-Length: len	ENTITY
Content-MD5: digest	ENTITY
Content-Range: bytes range/length	ENTITY
Content-Type: media-type	ENTITY
Cookie: name=value [; ...]	REQUEST
Date: date	GENERAL
ETag: entity-tag	RESPONSE
Expect: expectation	REQUEST
Expires: date	ENTITY
From: email-address	REQUEST
Host: hostname[:port]	REQUEST
If-Match: entity-tag	REQUEST
If-Modified-Since: date	REQUEST
If-None-Match: entity-tag	REQUEST
If-Range: {entity tag date}	REQUEST
If-Unmodified-Since: date	REQUEST
Last-Modified: date	ENTITY
Location: uri	RESPONSE
MIME-Version: version	GENERAL
Max-Forwards: number	REQUEST
Pragma: {no-cache extension-pragma}	GENERAL
Proxy-Authenticate: challenge	RESPONSE
Proxy-Authorization: credentials	REQUEST
Public: method ...	RESPONSE
Range: bytes=n[-m] [, ...]	REQUEST
Referer: url	REQUEST
Retry-After: {date seconds}	RESPONSE
Server: string	RESPONSE
Set-Cookie: name=value[; options]	RESPONSE
TE: coding	REQUEST
Trailer: header	GENERAL
Transfer-Encoding: coding	GENERAL
Upgrade: protocol [, ...]	GENERAL
User-Agent: string	REQUEST
Vary: header [, ...]	RESPONSE
Via: [protocol/]version [(comment)] [, ...]	GENERAL
WWW-Authenticate: scheme realm	RESPONSE
Warning: code agent "text" [date]	GENERAL

## Apache mod\_perl configuration directives

mod\_perl enables Apache to be configured using Perl statements that are contained within `<Perl>...</Perl>` sections and adds the Apache configuration directives listed below. Each directive is given with its arguments; defaults are given where appropriate in parentheses at the end of the line, followed by the symbol ♦ to mark directives only valid in a directory section or .htaccess file.

PerlAccessHandler	handler
PerlAuthenHandler	handler
PerlAuthzHandler	handler
PerlChildExitHandler	handler
PerlChildInitHandler	handler
PerlCleanupHandler	handler
PerlDispatchHandler	handler
PerlFixupHandler	handler
PerlFreshRestart	{On Off} (On) ♦
PerlHandler	handler
PerlHeaderParserHandler	handler
PerlInitHandler	handler
PerlLogHandler	handler
PerlModule	
PerlPassEnv	name ...
PerlPostReadRequestHandler	handler
PerlRequire	script-file
PerlSendHeader	{On Off} (Off)
PerlSetEnv	name value
PerlSetVar	name value
PerlSetupEnv	{On Off} (Off)
PerlTaintCheck	{On Off} (Off) ♦
PerlTransHandler	handler
PerlTypeHandler	handler
PerlWarn	{On Off} (Off) ♦

## Resources

<a href="http://perl.apache.org">http://perl.apache.org</a>	The Apache/Perl Integration Project
<a href="http://www.modperl.com">http://www.modperl.com</a>	Writing Apache Modules home page
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