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SES ROUTING HIDDEN GEM: ROUTE VARIABLES



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When using ColdBox's SES routing mechanisms you will come to a point where you would like to create variables depending on when a specific route matches or not. You can do so very easily by using the argument called **matchVariables**, which is a simple string of name-value pairs you want to create in the request collection (This was added in version 2.6.3). However, a hidden feature that we just documented that has been enabled since version 2.6.0, is that you can also pass named arguments to the **addCourse()** method and have them created on the request collection when the route matches. This makes it much much easier to create simple or complex variables than a simple string of name-value pairs.

Example using matchVariables:

That route will create the **spaceUsed,foundAt** variables in the request collection when the route matches. However, let's see how easy it is to do it using by convention name-value pairs in the method. I just added the **foundAt,internalNamespace, and HashMap** variables just by adding them as virtual arguments. It gets even better if you are running Railo because you can use implicit Array/Structure notation to create very complex variables. Again, this is now a documented feature in the wiki, so enjoy.

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