### binary()

Encodes a string into a byte array using utf-8 or specified charset.

#### Syntax

binary(STR\_EXPR[, CHARSET])

Required Parameter

**STR\_EXPR**

Target string expression to be converted to binary

Optional Parameter

**CHARSET**

Character set (default: utf-8). Use the preferred MIME name or aliases registered in the IANA Charset. <https://www.iana.org/assignments/character-sets/character-sets.xhtml>

#### Usage

json "{}" | eval blob=binary("hello, world!") => 68656c6c6f2c20776f726c6421json "{}" | eval blob=binary(null) => null