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"O'Reilly Media, Inc."

Covers advanced features of Perl, how the Perl interpreter works, and presents areas of modern computing technology such as networking, user interfaces, persistence, and code generation.

Standards and Styles for Developing Maintainable Code

Addison-Wesley Professional
How do you write truly elegant code with Ruby? Ruby Best Practices is for programmers who want to use Ruby as experienced Rubyists do. Written by the developer of the Ruby project Prawn, this concise book explains

how to design beautiful APIs and domain-specific languages with Ruby, as well as how to work with functional programming ideas and techniques that can simplify your code and make you more productive. You'll learn how to write code that's readable, expressive, and much more. **Ruby Best Practices** will help you: Understand the secret powers unlocked by Ruby's code blocks Learn how to bend Ruby code without breaking it, such as mixing in modules on the fly Discover the ins and outs of testing and debugging, and how to design for testability Learn to write faster code by keeping things simple Develop strategies for text processing and file management,

including regular expressions Understand how and why things can go wrong Reduce cultural barriers by leveraging Ruby's multilingual capabilities This book also offers you comprehensive chapters on driving code through tests, designing APIs, and project maintenance. Learn how to make the most of this rich, beautiful language with **Ruby Best Practices**. **Perl Hacks** "O'Reilly Media, Inc." Take the next step toward Perl mastery with advanced concepts that make coding easier, maintenance simpler, and execution faster. Mastering Perl isn't a collection of clever tricks, but a way of thinking about Perl programming for

solving debugging, configuration, and many other real-world problems you'll encounter as a working programmer. The third in O'Reilly's series of landmark Perl tutorials (after *Learning Perl* and *Intermediate Perl*), this fully updated edition pulls everything together and helps you bend Perl to your will. Explore advanced regular expressions features Avoid common problems when writing secure programs Profile and benchmark Perl programs to see where they need work Wrangle Perl code to make it more presentable and readable Understand how Perl keeps track of package variables Define subroutines on the fly Jury-rig modules to fix code without

editing the original source Use bit operations and bit vectors to store large data efficiently Learn how to detect errors that Perl doesn't report Dive into logging, data persistence, and the magic of tied variables [Perl Programming for Bioinformatics](#) "O'Reilly Media, Inc." Perl soared to popularity as a language for creating and managing web content, but with LWP (Library for WWW in Perl), Perl is equally adept at consuming information on the Web. LWP is a suite of modules for fetching and processing web pages. The Web is a vast data source that contains everything from stock prices to movie credits, and with LWP all that data is just a few lines of code

away. Anything you do on the Web, whether it's buying or selling, reading or writing, uploading or downloading, news to e-commerce, can be controlled with Perl and LWP. You can automate Web-based purchase orders as easily as you can set up a program to download MP3 files from a web site. Perl & LWP covers:

- Understanding LWP and its design
- Fetching and analyzing URLs
- Extracting information from HTML using regular expressions and tokens
- Working with the structure of HTML documents using trees
- Setting and inspecting HTTP headers and response codes
- Managing cookies
- Accessing information that requires authentication

- Extracting links
- Cooperating with proxy caches
- Writing web spiders (also known as robots) in a safe fashion
- Perl & LWP includes many step-by-step examples that show how to apply the various techniques.
- Programs to extract information from the web sites of BBC News, Altavista, ABEBooks.com, and the Weather Underground, to name just a few, are explained in detail, so that you understand how and why they work.
- Perl programmers who want to automate and mine the web can pick up this book and be immediately productive.
- Written by a contributor to LWP, and with a foreword by one of LWP's creators, Perl & LWP is the authoritative guide to

this powerful and popular toolkit.

Data Munging with Perl

No Starch Press

Demonstrates the use of Perl to manipulate data removed from one system for use in another, explaining data structures design, parsing techniques, and HTML and XML processing.

Network Programming with Go

"O'Reilly Media, Inc."

Addresses the creation of bug-free Perl code while explaining how to trace code, test programs, operate the debugger, locate and correct syntax errors, and deal with run-time exceptions and semantical errors.

Perl One-Liners

"O'Reilly Media, Inc."

Everything beginners need to start programming with Perl
Perl is the ever-

popular, flexible, open source

programming language that has been called the programmers' Swiss army knife. This book introduces Perl to both new programmers and experienced ones who are looking to learn a new language. In the tradition of the popular Wrox

Beginning guides, it presents step-by-step guidance in getting started, a host of try-it-out exercises, real-world examples, and everything necessary for a Perl novice to start programming with confidence. Introduces Perl to both new programmers and experienced ones who want to learn a new language Provides a host of real-world applications for today's environments so readers can get

started immediately. Covers the new features of Perl but fully applicable to previous editions. Beginning Perl provides the information and instruction you need to confidently get started with Perl. For Instructors: Classroom and training support materials are available for this book. *Perl Cookbook* O'Reilly Germany Network Programming with Go teaches you how to write clean, secure network software with the programming language designed to make it seem easy. Go combines the best parts of many other programming languages. It's fast, scalable, and designed for high-performance networking and multiprocessing—in

other words, it's perfect for network programming. Network Programming with Go is for developers ready to start leveraging Go's ease of use for writing secure, readable, production-ready network code. Early chapters establish a foundation of networking and traffic-routing know-how upon which the rest of the book builds. You'll put that knowledge to use as author Adam Woodbeck guides you through writing programs that communicate using TCP, UDP, Unix sockets, and other features that ensure reliable data transmission. As you progress, you'll explore higher-level network protocols like HTTP and HTTP/2, then build applications that

securely interact with servers, clients, and APIs over a network using TLS. In addition, Woodbeck shows you how to create a simple messaging protocol, develop tools for monitoring network traffic, craft a custom web server, and implement best practices for interacting with cloud providers using their SDKs. Along the way, you'll learn:

- IP basics for writing effective network programs, such as IPv4 and IPv6 multicasting, ports, and network address translation
- How to use handlers, middleware, and multiplexers to build capable HTTP-based applications with minimal code
- The OSI and TCP/IP models for layered data architectures

Methods for reading data from/writing data to a network connection, like the type-length-value encoding scheme

- Tools for incorporating authentication and encryption into your applications using TLS, like mutual authentication
- How to serialize data for storage or transmission in Go-friendly formats like JSON, Gob, XML, and protocol buffers
- How to Leverage Go's code generation support to efficiently communicate with gRPC-based network services

So get ready to take advantage of Go's built-in concurrency, rapid compiling, and rich standard library. Because when it comes to writing robust network programs, it's Go time.

*Mastering Algorithms
with Perl* Morgan
Kaufmann

Among the many different approaches to "templating" with Perl--such as Embperl, Mason, HTML::Template, and hundreds of other lesser known systems--the Template Toolkit is widely recognized as one of the most versatile. Like other templating systems, the Template Toolkit allows programmers to embed Perl code and custom macros into HTML documents in order to create customized documents on the fly. But unlike the others, the Template Toolkit is as facile at producing HTML as it is at producing XML, PDF, or any other output format. And because it has its own simple

templating language, templates can be written and edited by people who don't know Perl. In short, the Template Toolkit combines the best features of its competitors, with ease-of-use and flexibility, resulting in a technology that's fast, powerful and extensible, and ideally suited to the production and maintenance of web content and other dynamic document systems. In Perl Template Toolkit you'll find detailed coverage of this increasingly popular technology. Written by core members of the technology's development team, the book guides you through the entire process of installing, configuring, using, and

extending the Template Toolkit. It begins with a fast-paced but thorough tutorial on building web content with the Template Toolkit, and then walks you through generating and using data files, particularly with XML. It also provides detailed information on the Template Toolkit's modules, libraries, and tools in addition to a complete reference manual. Topics in the book include: Getting started with the template toolkit The Template language Template directives Filters Plugins Extending the Template Toolkit Accessing databases XML Advanced static web page techniques Dynamic web content and web applications The only book to cover

this important tool, Perl Template Toolkit is essential reading for any Perl programmer who wants to create dynamic web content that is remarkably easy to maintain. This book is your surefire guide to implementing this fast, flexible, and powerful templating system.

Perl Debugged

"O'Reilly Media, Inc."

Part of the fun of programming in Perl lies in tackling tedious tasks with short, efficient, and reusable code. Often, the perfect tool is the one-liner, a small but powerful program that fits in one line of code and does one thing really well. In *Perl One-Liners*, author and impatient hacker Peteris Kruminis takes you through more than 100 compelling one-

liners that do all sorts of handy things, such as manipulate line spacing, tally column values in a table, and get a list of users on a system. This cookbook of useful, customizable, and fun scripts will even help hone your Perl coding skills, as Kruminis dissects the code to give you a deeper understanding of the language. You'll find one-liners that: *

- Encode, decode, and convert strings *
- Generate random passwords *
- Calculate sums, factorials, and the mathematical constants π and e *
- Add or remove spaces *
- Number lines in a file *
- Print lines that match a specific pattern *
- Check to see if a number is prime with a regular expression *
- Convert IP address to

decimal form * Replace one string with another And many more! Save time and sharpen your coding skills as you learn to conquer those pesky tasks in a few precisely placed keystrokes with Perl One-Liners.

Effective Perl Programming "O'Reilly Media, Inc."

This complete guide to the Perl programming language ranges widely through the Perl programmer's universe, gathering together in a convenient form a wealth of information about Perl itself and its application to CGI scripts, XML processing, network programming, database interaction, and graphical user interfaces. The book is an ideal reference for experienced Perl

programmers and beginners alike. With more than a million dedicated programmers, Perl is proving to be the best language for the latest trends in computing and business, including network programming and the ability to create and manage web sites. It's a language that every Unix system administrator and serious web developer needs to know. In the past few years, Perl has found its way into complex web applications of multinational banks, the U.S. Federal Reserve, and hundreds of large corporations. In this second edition, Perl in a Nutshell has been expanded to include coverage of Perl 5.8, with information on Unicode

processing in Perl, new functions and modules that have been added to the core language, and up-to-date details on running Perl on the Win32 platform. The book also covers Perl modules for recent technologies such as XML and SOAP. Here are just some of the topics contained in this book: Basic Perl reference Quick reference to built-in functions and standard modules CGI.pm and mod_perl XML::* modules DBI, the database-independent API for Perl Sockets programming LWP, the library for Web programming in Perl Network programming with the Net modules Perl/Tk, the Tk extension to Perl for graphical interfaces Modules for interfacing with Win32 systems As

part of the successful "in a Nutshell" book series from O'Reilly & Associates, Perl in a Nutshell is for readers who want a single reference for all their needs. "In a nutshell, Perl is designed to make the easy jobs easy, without making the hard jobs impossible."-- Larry Wall, creator of Perl

[Creating Professional Programs with Perl](#)
"O'Reilly Media, Inc."
Reviews the programming language and covers topics including inheritance, polymorphism, Class::Struct and Class::Methodmaker modules, Perl ties and closures, operator overloading, encapsulation, and multiple dispatch.

130 Programs That Get Things Done
Addison Wesley

Longman
A revision of Quigley's popular introductory programming book, updated to reflect Perl's continuing evolution.

Perl Best Practices
"O'Reilly Media, Inc."
Many programmers code by instinct, relying on convenient habits or a "style" they picked up early on. They aren't conscious of all the choices they make, like how they format their source, the names they use for variables, or the kinds of loops they use. They're focused entirely on problems they're solving, solutions they're creating, and algorithms they're implementing. So they write code in the way that seems natural, that happens intuitively, and that

feels good. But if you're serious about your profession, intuition isn't enough. Perl Best Practices author Damian Conway explains that rules, conventions, standards, and practices not only help programmers communicate and coordinate with one another, they also provide a reliable framework for thinking about problems, and a common language for expressing solutions. This is especially critical in Perl, because the language is designed to offer many ways to accomplish the same task, and consequently it supports many incompatible dialects. With a good dose of Aussie humor, Dr. Conway (familiar to many in the Perl

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Praise for Perl Best Practices from Perl community members:

"As a manager of a large Perl project, I'd ensure that every member of my team has a copy of Perl Best Practices on their desk, and use it as the basis for an in-house style guide."-- Randal Schwartz

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more excuses for writing bad Perl programs. All levels of Perl programmer will be more productive after reading this book."-- Peter Scott

"Perl Best Practices will be the next big important book in the evolution of Perl. The ideas and practices Damian lays down will help bring Perl out from under the embarrassing heading of "scripting languages". Many of us have known Perl is a real programming language, worthy of all the tasks normally delegated to Java and C++. With Perl Best Practices, Damian shows specifically how and why, so everyone else can see, too."-- Andy Lester

"Damian's done what many thought impossible: show how to build

large, maintainable Perl applications, while still letting Perl be the powerful, expressive language that programmers have loved for years."-- Bill Odom "Finally, a means to bring lasting order to the process and product of real Perl development teams."-- Andrew Sundstrom "Perl Best Practices provides a valuable education in how to write robust, maintainable Perl, and is a definitive citation source when coaching other programmers."-- Bennett Todd "I've been teaching Perl for years, and find the same question keeps being asked: Where can I find a reference for writing reusable, maintainable Perl code? Finally I have a decent answer."-- Paul Fenwick "At last a well

researched, well thought-out, comprehensive guide to Perl style. Instead of each of us developing our own, we can learn good practices from one of Perl's most prolific and experienced authors. I recommend this book to anyone who prefers getting on with the job rather than going back and fixing errors caused by syntax and poor style issues."-- Jacinta Richardson "If you care about programming in any language read this book. Even if you don't intend to follow all of the practices, thinking through your style will improve it."-- Steven Lembark "The Perl community's best author is back with another outstanding book. There has never been a comprehensive

reference on high quality Perl coding and style until Perl Best Practices. This book fills a large gap in every Perl bookshelf."--

Uri Guttman

Perl Core Language

Canadian Scholars' Press

Find a Perl

programmer, and you'll find a copy of Perl

Cookbook nearby. Perl Cookbook is a

comprehensive collection of problems,

solutions, and practical examples for anyone

programming in Perl.

The book contains

hundreds of rigorously reviewed Perl "recipes"

and thousands of examples ranging from

brief one-liners to

complete

applications.The

second edition of Perl

Cookbook has been

fully updated for Perl

5.8, with extensive

changes for Unicode support, I/O layers, mod_perl, and new technologies that have emerged since the

previous edition of the book. Recipes have

been updated to

include the latest

modules. New recipes

have been added to

every chapter of the

book, and some

chapters have almost

doubled in

size.Covered topic

areas include:

Manipulating strings,

numbers, dates,

arrays, and hashes

Pattern matching and

text substitutions

References, data

structures, objects, and

classes Signals and

exceptions Screen

addressing, menus,

and graphical

applications Managing

other processes

Writing secure scripts

Client-server

programming Internet applications programming with mail, news, ftp, and telnet CGI and mod_perl programming Web programming Since its first release in 1998, Perl Cookbook has earned its place in the libraries of serious Perl users of all levels of expertise by providing practical answers, code examples, and mini-tutorials addressing the challenges that programmers face. Now the second edition of this bestselling book is ready to earn its place among the ranks of favorite Perl books as well. Whether you're a novice or veteran Perl programmer, you'll find Perl Cookbook, 2nd Edition to be one of the most useful books on Perl available. Its

comfortable discussion style and accurate attention to detail cover just about any topic you'd want to know about. You can get by without having this book in your library, but once you've tried a few of the recipes, you won't want to.

Modern Perl Best Practices Manning Publications Company The author Sam Tregar tells programmers how best to use and contribute modules to the Open Source repository known as CPAN (Comprehensive Perl Archive Network). Modern Perl aPress Presents guidelines on the art of coding with Perl, covering such topics as references and scoping, manipulating complex data structures, objects, testing,

Exporter, Moose, and CPAN.

Tips & Tools for Programming, Debugging, and Surviving Addison-Wesley

Looks at the Perl test tools and offers a series of exercises that cover such topics as bundling test suites, testing databases, and testing Web sites and projects.

[Object Oriented Perl](#)
Manning Publications Company

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the practices, thinking through your style will improve it." -- Steven Lembark "The Perl community's best author is back with another outstanding book. There has never been a comprehensive reference on high quality Perl coding and style until Perl Best Practices. This book fills a large gap in every Perl bookshelf." - - Uri Guttman Intermediate Perl "O'Reilly Media, Inc." This is a book for those of us who believed that we didn't need to learn Perl, and now we know it is more ubiquitous than ever. Perl is extremely flexible and powerful, and it isn't afraid of Web 2.0 or the cloud. Originally touted as the duct tape of the Internet, Perl has since evolved into a multipurpose,

multiplatform language present absolutely everywhere: heavy-duty web applications, the cloud, systems administration, natural language processing, and financial engineering. *Beginning Perl, Third Edition* provides valuable insight into Perl's role regarding all of these tasks and more. Commencing with a comprehensive overview of language basics, you'll learn all about important concepts such as Perl's data types and control flow constructs. This material sets the stage for a discussion of more complex topics, such as writing custom functions, using regular

expressions, and file input and output. Next, the book moves on to the advanced topics of object-oriented programming, modules, web programming, and database administration with Perl's powerful database interface module, DBI. The examples and code provided offer you all of the information you need to start writing your own powerful scripts to solve the problems listed above, and many more. Whether you are a complete novice or an experienced programmer, *Beginning Perl, Third Edition* offers an ideal guide to learning Perl.