

Fear & Loathing in Perl

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What happens when
you can't say “No”

Oh0m Read mail

- Delete comment spam in O'Reilly blog
- “Can I subscribe to *The Perl Review* online?”
- “Sorry to bother you off the list, but...”
 - “can you put numbers in scalars?”
 - “will Perl work in foreign countries?”
- “Exercise 4.3 in *Learning Perl* doesn't work in Java 1.1!”
- “Can you do this for free, it only takes five minutes?”

0h5m RSS Feeds

- Google Blogsearch for...
 - “Learning Perl”
 - “Intermediate Perl”
 - “Mastering Perl” -tk -bioinformatics
 - “brian d foy”

0h20m PAUSE admin

- Why can't I call my module XML::FGHJ::TRE::DAV::HTML::XML?
- Please register Net::iCal
- How about the top-level namespace "Code"
- Why does that Bunce guy get DBI all to himself?
- The module author didn't accept my patch, can I have the namespace?

0h25m perlfaq

- Posts an answer to comp.lang.perl.misc every 6 hours
- Your answer sucks!
- Tell Uri to shut up
- Explain answer as nicely as possible, again
- Remind everyone I just maintain it, I didn't write most of it

0h35m Use.perl editor

- Edit and approve stories for Use.perl
- Newbie writes “Check out [this story](#) on [that cool thing](#) at <http://tinyurl.foo/asdf.html>”
- Lonely_hacker writes “I have a date on Friday with this girl at the office and I have to install Ubuntu for her that day! Woo hoo! And I wrote a [perl script](#) last night.”
- Complain to Chris about crappy SlashCode
- Chris responds “Bite me!”

OhXm TPR Calendar

- Check other Perl calendars for events
- Add everything I've discovered today
- Work on converting XML feed to RSS
- Stupid half-assed Google apps!
- Give up on that until tomorrow

0h55m Stonehenge

- Jaiku from Randal at 13:30
“I’m in FLL with a 3 hour layover”
- Jaiku from Randal at 14:30
“Two hours to go! Missed upgrade!”
- Jaiku from Randal at 14:31
“Uploaded perlcst news”
- Jaiku from Randal at 14:32
“Just saw someone booting linux”

1h05m CPAN Testers

- Find one important report in 15 FAILs
- Discover it's on Windows 3.1 using Perl5.005 with CPANPLUS
- Put off until some user complains

1h06m RT Queue

- Try to fix one ticket a day
- Look at all new tickets for my modules
- Remember how to remove myself from CPAN.pm queue (again)
- Start working on a ticket
- Fix something in kwalitee instead
- Just do two tickets tomorrow

Check for new kwalitee

- docs_make_sense
- mentions_kwalitee
- uses_version_control
- reuses_code
- uses_recursion
- correct_speling

Work on Llama 6

- Read perl6.language
- Figure out Synopses diffs
- Rewrite section on file test operators (again)
- Inadvertently start long thread
- Put off until tomorrow