

Making Perl Work for You

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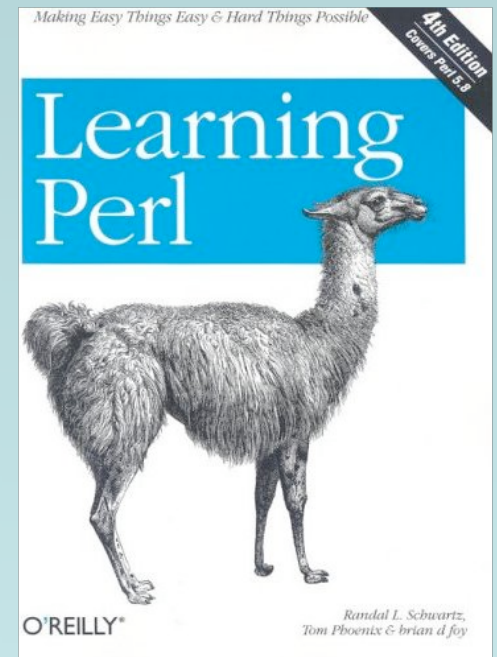
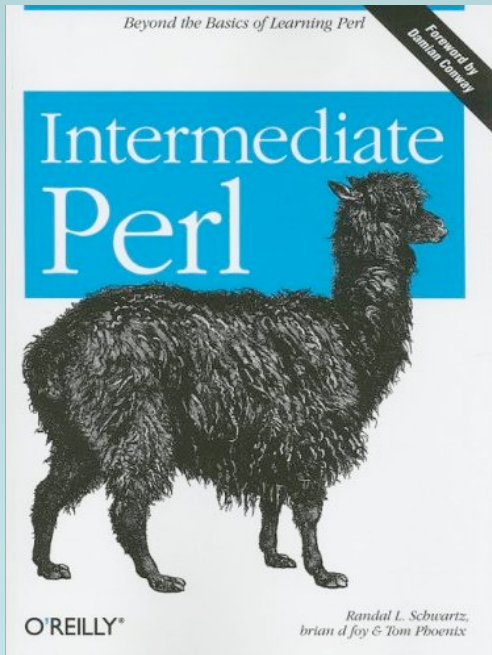
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the things that
create happiness**

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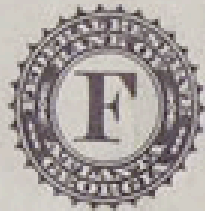
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**Do computers
make me
more wealthy?**







Make less work?

Save time?

More productive?

Easier life?



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LOOK
NEW



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PULL OVER

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CHOPPED PORK AND HAM

Serving
Suggestion



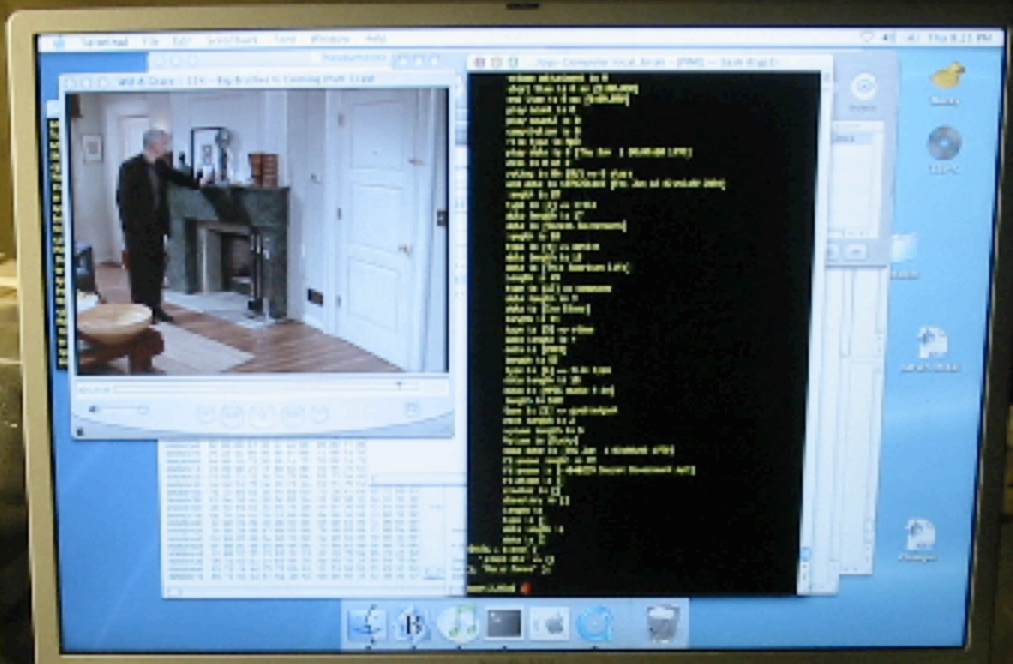
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finish projects sooner?
more to worry about?
more complex situations?

carry a pager?
read mailing lists?
answer email?
recompile kernels?
train spam filters?





**Is Life
Easier?**

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**Computers
don't think;
they do**

**Losing
my job**

**Thousands of
Files**

I need to **Extract**
some numbers and
make a **Report**. If
only there were
some **Practical** way
to do that.



**Pretending
To Be There**

Create simulation inputs

FTP to VAX

Run simulations

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FTP new results files

Parse files to make CSV

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not Harder**



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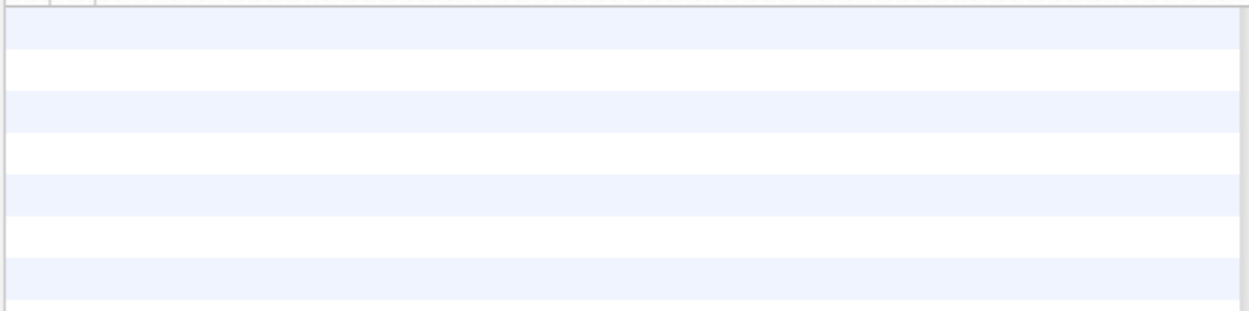
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Headlines




```
=====
brian_d_foy: Pittsburgh Perl Workshop on Google Earth
2006-09-22 18:06:57, 31082
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```

I created a Google Earth file for the Pittsburgh Perl Workshop[0].
Chicago and Cleveland make it onto the map since my train goes through
those cities.

[0] http://www252.pair.com/comdog/google_earth/PittsburghPerlWorkshop.km

```
=====
pudge: Lost Dogs Concert Tonight
2006-09-22 20:22:12, 31083
-----
```

Woot!

```
<div>__Now Playing__: Lost Dogs[0] - Only One Bum In Corona Del
  Mar[1]</div>
```

```
byte 751
```

Start a Module

h2xs

ExtUtils::ModuleMaker

Module::Starter

mmm (Mark's Module Maker)

Module Cooker

```
#!/usr/bin/perl

use Cwd;
use File::Spec;

my $module = $ARGV[0] || prompt( "Module name> " );
my $dist    = $module; $dist =~ s/::/-/g;
my $file    = $module; $file =~ s/.*:://; $file .= ".pm";

my $cwd     = File::Spec->catfile( cwd(), $dist );

system
    join " ",
        "/usr/local/bin/ttree"
        ,
        "-s ~/.templates/modules"
        ,
        "-d $cwd"
        ,
        "-define module='$module'"
        ,
        "-define module_file='$file'"
        ,
```

Module Tester

daily_build

```
$ cat ~/module_list | xargs daily_build
Dev/Business/ISBN-Data ... No tests failed
Dev/Business/ISMN ... No tests failed
Dev/Business/USPS/WebTools ... Could not even run tests
Dev/Chemistry/Elements ... No tests failed
Dev/ConfigReader/Simple ... No tests failed
Dev/Data/Constraint ... No tests failed
Dev/File/Find/Closures ... No tests failed
Dev/HTML/SimpleLinkExtor ... No tests failed
Dev/HTTP/Size ... failed tests
```


release

Old Way

```
$ cvs update
$ make clean test disttest
$ vi Changes
. . .
$ cvs commit -m ". . ."
$ ftp pause.perl.org
ftp> . . .
$ lynx pause.perl.org
```

New Way

\$ release

span

Old Way

```
$ perl -MCPAN -e shell
```

```
Terminal does not support AddHistory.
```

```
cpan shell -- CPAN exploration and  
modules installation (v1.7601)
```

```
ReadLine support available (try  
'install Bundle::CPAN')
```

```
cpan> install HTML::Parser HTTP::Size
```

New Way

```
$ cpan HTML::Parser HTTP::Size
```

perlbrowser

- FTP
- Google.pm
- Google
- hostent.pm
- HTTP.pm
- HTTP
- HTTPS.pm
- MAC
- netent.pm
- Netrc.pm
- NNTP.pm
- Ping.pm
- POP3.pm
- Printer.pm
- protoent.pm
- SCP.pm
- servent.pm
- SMTP.pm
- SSH.pm
- SSL.pm
- SSTP.pm

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NAME

`Net::SMTP` - Simple Mail Transfer Protocol Client

SYNOPSIS

```
use Net::SMTP;
```

```
# Constructors
```

```
$smtp = Net::SMTP->new('mailhost');
```

```
$smtp = Net::SMTP->new('mailhost', Timeout => 60);
```

DESCRIPTION

This module implements a client interface to the SMTP and ESMTP protocol, enabling a perl5 application to talk to SMTP servers. This documentation assumes that you are familiar with the concepts of the SMTP protocol described in RFC821.

A new `Net::SMTP` object must be created with the `*new*` method. Once this has been done, all SMTP commands are accessed through this object.

The `Net::SMTP` class is a subclass of `Net::Cmd` and `IO::Socket::INET`.

EXAMPLES

This example prints the mail domain name of the SMTP server known as `mailhost`:

```
#!/usr/local/bin/perl -w
```

```
use Net::SMTP;
```

Summary

We think; computers do

Do it automatically

Do it repeatedly

Spend more time drinking beer