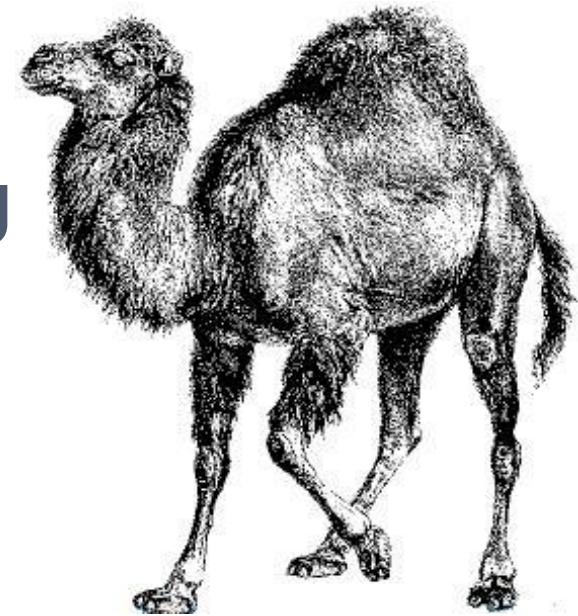


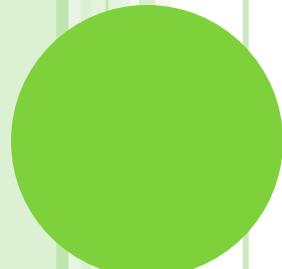
Perl Programming

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Introduction

Perl Poetry:

study, write, study,
do review (each word) if time.
close book. sleep? what's that?

From a graduate student (in finals week)

Introduction (1)



- PERL
 - Practical Extraction and Report Language
 - PEARL was used by another language
 - Created by **Larry Wall** and first released in 1987
- Useful in
 - Text manipulation
 - Web development
 - Network programming
 - GUI development
 - System Prototyping
 - ...anything to replace C, shell, or whatever you like

Introduction (2)

- Compiled and interpreted
 - Efficient
- Syntax Sugar
 - die unless \$a == \$b;
- Object oriented
- Modules
 - CPAN
- Perl6
 - <http://dev.perl.org/perl6/>
 - Pugs – <http://www.pugscode.org/>
 - /usr/ports/lang/pugs/
 - Parrot – <http://www.parrotcode.org/>

Introduction - Hello World (1)

- Hello World!

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
use strict;
# My First Perl Program
print "Hello", " world!\n";
```

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

- Write down the location of perl interpreter

- `use strict;`

- It is nice to be

- `# My First Perl Program`

- Comment, to the end of line

- `print("Hello", " world!\n");`

- Built-in function for output to STDOUT

- C-like ";" termination

Introduction - Hello World (2)

- hello.pl

```
#!/usr/bin/perl  
print "What is your name? ";  
chomp($name = <STDIN>);  
print("Hello, $name!\n");
```

\$name = <STDIN>;
chomp \$name;

chomp is not pass by value

- scalar variable = <STDIN>

Value interpolation into string

- Read *ONE* line from standard input

- chomp

- Remove trailing “\n” if exists

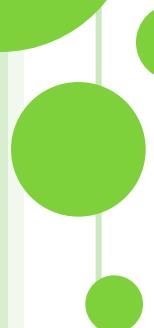
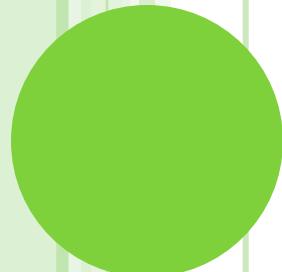
- Variables are global unless otherwise stated

- Run Perl Program

```
$ perl hello.pl  
perl indicator)  
$ ./hello.pl
```

(even no +x mode or

(Need +x mode and perl indicator)



Scalar Data

$$1 + 1 == 10$$

Scalar Data (1) - Types

- Use prefix ‘\$’ in the variable name of a scalar data
 - \$scalar_value
- Numerical literals
 - Perl manipulates numbers as double-precision float point values
 - Float / Integer constants, such as:
 - 1.25, -6.8, 6.23e23, 12, -8, 0377, 0xff, 0b00101100
- Strings
 - Sequence of characters
 - Single-Quoted Strings (No interpolation)
 - ‘\$a\n is printed as is’, ‘don’t’
 - Double-Quoted Strings (With interpolation)
 - “\$a will be replaced by its value.\n”
 - Escape characters
 - \n, \t, \r, \f, \b, \a

Scalar Data (2) - Assignments

- Operators for assignment
 - Ordinary assignment
 - \$a = 17
 - \$b = “abc”
 - Short-cut assignment operators
 - Number: $+=$, $-=$, $*=$, $/=$, $\%=$, $**=$
 - String: $.=$, $x=$
 - \$str .= “.dat” \rightarrow \$str = \$str . “.dat”
 - Auto-increment and auto-decrement
 - \$a++, ++\$a, \$a--, --\$a

Scalar Data (3) - Operators

- Operators for Numbers
 - Arithmetic
 - +, -, *, /, %, **
 - Logical comparison
 - <, <=, ==, >=, >, !=
- Operators for Strings
 - Concatenation “.”
 - “Hello” . “ ” . “world!” → “Hello world!”
 - Repetition “x”
 - “abc” x 4 → “abcabcabcabc”
 - Comparison
 - lt, le, eq, ge, gt, ne
- man perlop

Scalar Data (4) - Conversion

- Implicit conversion depending on the context
 - Number wanted? (3 + "15")
 - Automatically convert to equivalent numeric value
 - Trailing nonnumeric are ignored
 - "123.45abc" → 123.45
 - String wanted?
 - Automatically convert to equivalent string
 - "x" . (4 * 5) → "x20"

Scalar Data (5) - String Related Functions

○ Find a sub-string

- `index(original-str, sub-str [,start position])`

```
index("a very long string", "long"); # 7  
index("a very long string", "lame"); # -1  
index("hello world", "o", 5); # 7  
index("hello world", "o", 8); # -1
```

○ Sub-string

- `Substring(string, start, length)`

```
substring("a very long string", 3, 2); # "er"  
substring("a very long string", -3, 3); # "ing"
```

○ Formatting data

- `sprintf (C-like sprintf)`

○ man perlfunc: Functions for SCALARs or strings

BRANCHES - IF / UNLESS

- True and False

- 0, "0", "", or **undef** are false, others are true
- "00", "0.00" are true, but 00, 0.00 are false

- if-elsif-else

```
if( $state == 0 ) {  
    statement_1; statement_2; ...; statement_n  
} elsif( $state == 1 ) {  
    statements;  
} else {  
    statements;  
}
```

- unless: short cut for if (!)

```
unless( $weather eq "rain" ) {  
    go-home;  
}
```

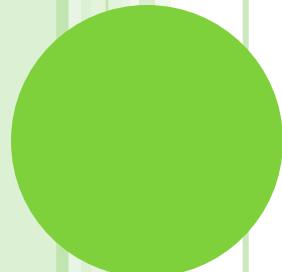
```
if( ! $weather eq "rain" ) {  
    go-home;  
}
```

- print "Good-bye" if \$gameOver;

- Keep_shopping() unless \$money == 0;

Relational Operators

- if (\$a == 1 && \$b == 2) {...}
- if (\$a == 1 || \$b == 2) {...}
- if (\$a == 1 && (! \$b == 2)){...}
- if (not (\$a == 1 and \$b == 2) or (\$c == 3))
 {...}
 - not > and > or
- || has higher precedence than or, =
 - \$a = \$ARGV[0] || 40; # if \$ARGV[0] is false, then
 \$a = 40
 - \$a = \$ARGV[0] or 40; # \$a = \$ARGV[0]
- open XX, “file” or die “open file failure!”;
 - or can be used for statement short-cut.
- man perlop for precedence



List, Array and Hash

List

- Ordered scalars, similar to linked-list
- List literal
 - Comma-separated values
 - Ex:
 - (1, 2, 3, 4, 5,)
 - (\$a, 8, 9, "hello")
 - (\$a, \$b, \$c) = (1, 2, 3)
 - (\$a, \$b) = (\$b, \$a) → swap
- List constructor
 - Ex:
 - (1 .. 5) →(1,2,3,4,5)
 - (a .. z) →(a,b,c,d,e,...,z)
 - (1.3 .. 3.1) →(1,2,3)
 - (\$a .. \$b) →depend on values of \$a and \$b

Array (1)

- An indexed list, for random access
- Use prefix '@' in the variable name of an array
 - @ary = ("a", "b", "c")
 - @ary = **qw(a b c)**
 - @ary2 = @ary
 - @ary3 = (4.5, @ary2, 6.7) → (4.5, "a", "b", "c", 6.7)
 - \$count = @ary3 → 5, scalar context returns the length of an array
 - \$ary3[-1] → The last element of @ary3
 - \$ary3[\$#ary3] → \$#ary3 is the last index
 - (\$d, @ary4) = (\$a, \$b, \$c) → \$d = \$a, @ary4 = (\$b, \$c)
 - (\$e, @ary5) = @ary4 → \$e = \$b, @ary5 = (\$c)

Array (2)

- Slice of array
 - Still an array, use prefix '@'
 - Ex:
 - `@a[3] = (2)`
 - `@a[0,1] = (3, 5)`
 - `@a[1,2] = @a[0,1]`
- Beyond the index
 - Access will get “`undef`”
 - `@ary = (3, 4, 5)`
 - `$a = $ary[8]`
 - Assignment will extend the array
 - `@ary = (3, 4, 5)`
 - `$ary[5] = "hi"` → `@ary = (3, 4, 5, undef, undef, "hi")`

Array (3)

- Interpolation by inserting whitespace
 - @ary = ("a", "bb", "ccc", 1, 2, 3)
 - \$all = "Now for @ary here!"
 - "Now for a bb ccc 1 2 3 here!"
 - \$all = "Now for @ary[2,3] here!"
 - "Now for ccc 1 here!"
 - Array context for file input
 - @ary = <STDIN>
 - Read multiple lines from STDIN, each element contains one line until the end of file.
 - print @ary

Array (4)

- List or array operations
 - Push, pop and shift
 - Use array as a stack
 - push @a, 3, 4, 5
 - \$top = pop @a
 - As a queue
 - \$a = shift @a
 - Reverse list
 - Reverse the order of the elements
 - @a = reverse @a
 - Sort list
 - Sort elements as strings in ascending ASCII order
 - @a = (1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64)
 - @a = sort @a
 - Join list
 - @a=(1,2,3); \$b = join ":", @a ➔ \$b = “1:2:3”

Initially, @a = (1, 2);

➔ @a = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

➔ \$top = 5, @a = (1, 2, 3, 4)

➔ \$a = 1, @a = (2, 3, 4)

➔ @a = (4, 3, 2)

➔ (1, 16, 2, 32, 4, 64, 8)

Hash (1)

- Collation of scalar data
 - An array whose elements are in <key, value> orders
 - Key is a string index, value is any scalar data
 - Use prefix "%" in the variable name of a hash
 - Ex:
 - %age = (john => 20, mary => 30,);
→ same as ("john", 20, "mary", 30)
 - \$age{john} = 21; → "john" => 21
 - %age = qw(john 20 mary 30)
 - print "\$age{john} \n"

Hash (2)

- Hash operations %age = (john => 20, mary => 30,);
 - keys
 - Yield a list of all current keys in hash
 - keys %age → (“john”, “mary”)
 - values
 - Yield a list of all current values in hash
 - values %age → (20, 30)
 - each
 - Return key-value pair until all elements have been accessed
 - each(%age) → (“john”, 20)
 - each(%age) → (“mary”, 30)
 - delete
 - Remove hash element
 - delete \$age{“john”} → %age = (mary => 30)

FLOW CONTROL - WHILE / UNTIL

o while and do-while

```
$a = 10; while ( $a ) { print "$a\n"; --$a }
```

```
$a = 10; print "$a\n" and --$a while $a ;
```

```
do {  
    statements-of-true-part;  
} while (condition);
```

o until and do-until

- until (...) == while (! ...)

```
$a = 10; until ($a == 0) { print "$a\n"; --$a }
```

```
do {  
    statements-of-false-part;  
} until (expression);
```

FLOW CONTROL - FOR / FOREACH

@a = (1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

- for

```
for (my $i = 0; $i <= $#a; ++$i) {  
    print "$a[$i]\n";  
}
```

- foreach

- For example:

%age = (john => 20, mary => 30,);

```
foreach $name (keys %age) {  
    print "$name is $age{$name} years old.\n";  
}
```

```
for (keys %age) {  
    print "$_ is $age{$_} years old.\n";  
}
```

FLOW CONTROL - LAST, NEXT, REDO

- Loop-control

- last
 - Like C's "break"
- next
 - Like C's "continue"
- redo
 - Jump to the beginning of the current loop block without reevaluating the control expression
 - Ex:

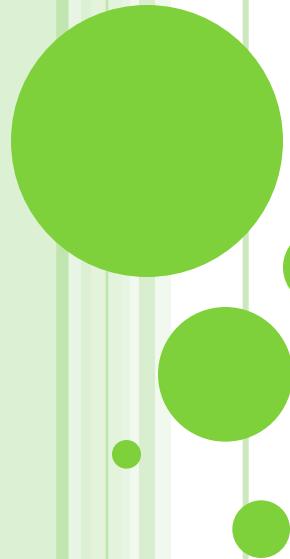
```
for($i=0;$i<10;$i++) { # infinite loop
    if($i == 1) {
        redo;
    }
}
```

FLOW CONTROL - LABELED BLOCK

- Give name to block to archive “goto” purpose
- Use last, next, redo to goto any labeled block
- Example:

```
LAB1: for($i=1;$i<=3;$i++) {  
    LAB2: for($j=1;$j<=3;$j++) {  
        LAB3: for($k=1;$k<=3;$k++) {  
            print "$i $j $k\n";  
            if(($i==1)&&($j==2)&&($k==3)) {last LAB2;}  
            if(($i==2)&&($j==3)&&($k==1)) {next LAB1;}  
            if(($i==3)&&($j==2)&&($k==1)) {next LAB2;}  
        }  
    }  
}
```

1	1	1
1	1	2
1	1	3
1	2	1
1	2	2
1	2	3
<hr/>		
2	1	1
2	1	2
2	1	3
2	2	1
2	2	2
2	2	3
<hr/>		
2	3	1
<hr/>		
3	1	1
3	1	2
<hr/>		
3	2	1
...		



More on Variables

More on Variables (1) - undef

- Scalar data can be set to undef
 - \$a = undef
 - \$ary[2] = undef
 - \$h{"aaa"} = undef
 - undef is convert to 0 in numeric, or empty string
"" in string
- You can do undef on variables
 - undef \$a → \$a = undef
 - undef @ary → @ary = empty list ()
 - undef %h → %h has no <key, value> pairs
- Test whether a variable is defined
 - if (**defined \$var**) {...}

More on Variables (2) - use strict

- use strict contains
 - use strict vars
 - Need variable declaration, prevent from typo

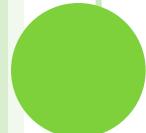
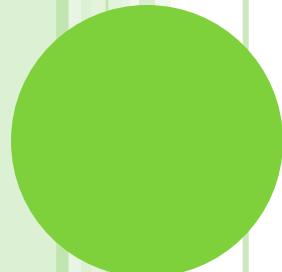
```
use strict;
my ($x);                      # Use 'my' to declaration
use vars qw($y);                # Use 'use vars' to declaration
```

- use strict subs
 - Also prevent from typo, skip the details.
- use strict refs
 - Reference type (skip)
- “no strict” to close the function
- Use **-W** option to enable warnings
 - Variables without initialized occur warnings

Predefined variables

○ Predefined variables

- `$_` → default input and pattern-searching space
- `$,` → output field separator for print
- `$/` → input record separator (default: newline)
- `$$` → pid
- `$<` → uid
- `$>` → euid
- `$0` → program name (like \$0 in shell-script)
- `$!` → errno, or the error string corresponding to the errno
- `%ENV` → Current environment variables ([Appendix](#))
- `%SIG` → signal handlers for signals ([Appendix](#))
- `@ARGV` → command line arguments ([1st argument in \\$ARGV\[0\]](#))
- `$ARGV` → current filename when reading from <> ([Basic I/O](#))
- `@_` → parameter list ([subroutines](#))
- `STDIN, STDOUT, STDERR` → file handler names



Basic I/O

Basic I/O (1) - Input

○ Using <STDIN>

- In scalar context, return the next line or undef
- In list context, return all remaining lines as a list, end by EOF

○ Including array and hash

```
while( $line = <STDIN>) {  
    # process $line  
}  
while(<STDIN>) {  
    # process $_  
}
```

○ Using diamond operator <>

- Get data from files specified on the command line
 - \$ARGV records the current filename
 - @ARGV shifts left to remove the current filename
- Otherwise read from STDIN

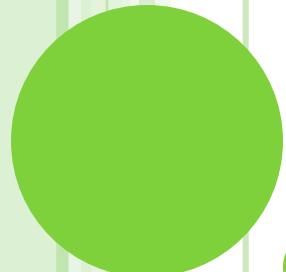
Basic I/O (2) - Output

- **print LIST**

- Take a list of strings and send each string to STDOUT in turn
- A list of strings are separated by whitespace
 - Ex:
 - `print("hello", $abc, "world\n");`
 - `print "hello", $abc, "world\n";`
 - `print "hello $abc world\n";`

- **Using printf**

- C-like printf
 - Ex:
 - `printf "%15s, %5d, %20.2f", $name, $int, $float;`



Regular Expression

String pattern matching & substitution

Regular Expression

- String pattern
 - What is the common characteristic of the following set of strings?
 - {good boy, good girl, bad boy, goodbad girl, goodbadbad boy, ...}
 - Basic regex: $R_1 = \text{"good"}$, $R_2 = \text{"bad"}$, $R_3 = \text{"boy"}$, $R_4 = \text{"girl"}$
- If R_x and R_y are regular expressions, so are the following
 - $(R_x \text{ or } R_y)$
 - $R_5 = (R_1 \text{ or } R_2)$ gives {good, bad}
 - $R_6 = (R_3 \text{ or } R_4)$ gives {boy, girl}
 - $(R_x . R_y) \rightarrow R_7 = (R_5 . R_6)$ gives {good boy, good girl, bad boy, bad girl}
 - (R_x^*) : repeat R_x as many times as you want, including 0 times
 - $R_8 = R_5^*$ gives {good, bad, goodgood, goodbad, badgood, badbad, ...}
- Our final pattern is: ("good" or "bad")* . ("boy" or "girl")
- Regular expressions can be recognized very efficiently

Regular Expression in Perl (1)

- if (\$string =~ /(good|bad)*(boy|girl)/) {...}
 - Return true if any substring of \$string matches
 - /[^]hello\$/ will match the entire string
 - if (/xxxxx/) {...} matches \$_
- Match **single** character
 - /a/, **/./**, /[abc]/, /[0-9]/, /[a-zA-Z0-9]/, /[^0-9]/, /[abc\]/
 - Predefined character class abbreviations
 - digit
 - \d → [0-9] \D → [^0-9]
 - word
 - \w → [a-zA-Z0-9_] \W → [^a-zA-Z0-9_]
 - whitespace
 - \s → [\r\t\n\f] \S → [^ \r\t\n\f]

Regular Expression in Perl (2)

- Match more than one character
 - Multipliers
 - $\{m,n\}$ → m ~ n times, inclusive
 - * → {0,}
 - ? → {0,1}
 - + → {1,}
 - $\{m,\}$ → $\geq m$ times.
 - $\{m\}$ → =m times.

```
/fo+ba?r/      # f, one or more o, b, optional a, r  
/a.{5}b/        # a, any five non-newline char, b
```

Regular Expression in Perl (3)

- Grouping sub-regex by (...)
 - Besides matching, also remember the matched string for future reference
 - \1 refer to 1st grouping, \2 for 2nd, ...
 - Ex:
 - /a(.*)b\1c/ # match aXYbXYc or abc, but not aXbc
- \$1, \$2, \$3, ...
 - The same value as \1, \2, \3, but can be used outside /xxx/
 - Ex:

```
$_ = "this is a test";
/(\w+)\W+(\w+)/;          # match first two words,
                           # $1 = "this", $2 = "is"
print "$1, $2\n";
```

Regular Expression in Perl (4)

- $\$\backslash$, $\$&$, $\$'$

- Store before-matched, matched, after-matched strings
- Ex:

```
$_ = "this is a sample string";
/sa.*le/;                      # $` = "this is a "
                                # $& = "sample"
                                # $' = " string"
```

Regular Expression in Perl (5) - Substitution

- Sed-like
 - `s/pattern/replacement/`
- Ex:

```
$_ = "foot fool buffoon";
s/foo/bar/g;           # $_ = "bart barl bufbarn"

$sc = "this is a test";
$sc =~ s/(\w+)/<$1>/g;
# $sc = "<this> <is> <a> <test>"

$war3 = "WAR War war";
$war3 =~ s/war/peace/gi;
# $war3 = "peace peace peace"
```

Regular Expression in Perl (6) - Translation

- tr/search-list/replacement-list/
 - A little bit like tr command
- Ex:

```
$t = "This is a secret";
$t =~ tr/A-Za-z/N-ZA-Mn-za-m/;           # rotate right 13 encrypt

$r = "bookkeeper";
$r =~ tr/a-zA-Z//s;    # squash duplicate [a-zA-Z]
$a = "TTestt thiis ccasse";
$a =~ tr/Ttic/0123/s; # $e = "0es1 1h2s 3asse"

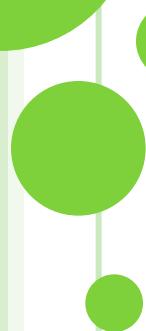
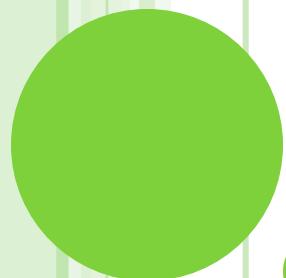
$n = "0123456789";
$n =~ tr/0-9/987654/d;           # delete found but not given a
                                replacement
                                # $n = "987654"
```

Regular Expression in Perl (7)

- Related functions

- `split(separator, string)`
 - You can specify the delimit as regular expression
 - Unmatched string will form a list
 - Ex:

```
$s = "sshd:*:22:22:ssh:/var/empty:/sbin/nologin"  
@fields = split(":", $s);
```



Subroutine

Subroutine (1)

- Definition

```
sub max {  
    my ($a, $b) = @_;  
    return $a if $a > $b;  
    $b; ← The value of the last statement will be returned  
}  
print &max (20, 8);
```

- Return value

- Either single scalar value or a list value

- Arguments

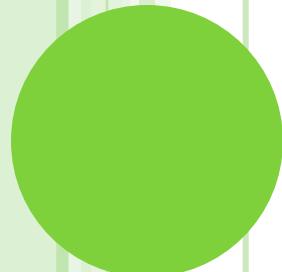
- `@_` contains the subroutine's invocation arguments, and is private to the subroutine
- `$_[0], $_[1], ..., $_[#$_]` to access individual arguments
- Pass by value

Subroutine (2)

- Variables in subroutine

- Private variables
 - Use “my” operator to create a list of private variables
- Semi-private variables
 - Private, but visible within any subroutines calls in the same block
 - Use “local” to create a list of semi-private variables

```
sub add;
sub rev2 {
    local($n1, $n2) = @_;
    my ($n3) = add;
    return ($n2, $n1, $n3);
}
sub add {
    return ($n1 + $n2);
}
```



File

File (1) - open and close

- Automatically opened file handlers
 - STDIN, STDOUT, STDERR
- Open

```
open FILEHD, "filename";          # open for read
open FILEHD, ">filename";         # open for write
open FILEHD, ">>filename";        # open for append
```

- Open with status checked

```
open FILEHD, "filename" || die "error-message: $!";
```

- Use <FILEHD> to read from file handlers, just like <STDIN>
- Output ex:

```
open FH, ">>file";
print FH "abc";                      # output "abc" to file
handler FH
close FH;                            # close file handler
```

File (2)

- Open with redirection

- Open with redirection for read

```
open FD, "who |";
```

- Open with redirection for write

- After the file handler closed, start the redirection.

```
open FD, "| mail -s \"Test Mail\" lwhsu@cs.nctu.edu.tw";
close FD;
```

- Directory

- chdir function

```
chdir "/home" || die "cannot cd to /home ($!)";
```

- Globbing

```
@a = </etc/host*>;
@a = glob("/etc/host*");
```

```
# @a = @b
```

File (3) - File and Directory Manipulation

- `unlink(filename-list)` → remove files

```
unlink("data1.dat", "hello.pl");
unlink("*.o");
```

- `rename(old-filename, new-filename)` → rename a file

- Create a link

- `link(origin, link-file)` → create a hard link
- `symlink(origin, link-file)` → create a symbolic link

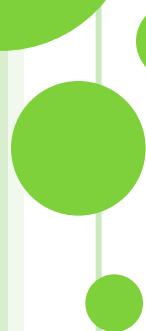
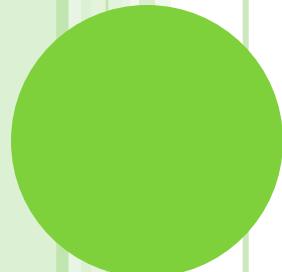
- `mkdir(dirname, mode)` → create a directory

```
mkdir("test", 0777);
```

- `rmdir(dirname)` → remove a directory

- `chmod(mode, filename)` → change file modes

- `chown(uid, gid, filename)` → change ownership



Sort

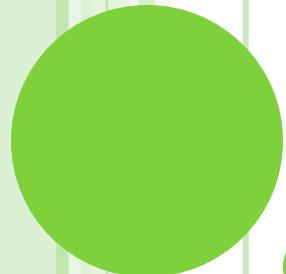
Sort

- Without any modification, sort is based on ASCII code
- Sort by number, you can do the following

```
@list = (1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32);
@sorted = sort {$a <= $b} @list;
```

- You can sort by specifying your own method, defined as subroutine, use **\$a**, **\$b**, and return **negative**, **0**, and **positive**

```
sub by_number {
    if($a < $b) {
        return 1;                      # means $b, $a
    } elsif($a == $b) {
        return 0;                      # means the same
    } else {
        return -1;                     # means $a, $b
    }
}
```



CPAN

CPAN (1)

- Comprehensive Perl Archive Network
 - <http://www.cpan.org>
 - <http://search.cpan.org/>
- 常用的五十個CPAN模組
 - http://perl.hcchien.org/app_b.html
- /usr/ports
 - p5-*
 - s/::/-/
 - Use “make search key” to find them out
- Contributing to CPAN
 - <http://www.newzilla.org/programming/2005/03/16/CPAN/>

CPAN (2)

- Install CPAN

- Search the name of perl modules in CPAN

[Gisle Aas > libwww-perl-5.805 > LWP::Simple](#)

- The LWP::Simple is in the **libwww** module
 - Use **make search name="p5-<name>"** to find the perl module in freebsd ports tree
 - Install it

- Use CPAN

- manual pages installed, you can use such as **perldoc LWP::Simple**
 - When you search the module name, the results are the same as the manual page

CPAN (3)

- A simple HTTP Proxy (with evil power!)

```
#!/usr/bin/perl

use HTTP::Proxy;
use HTTP::Recorder;

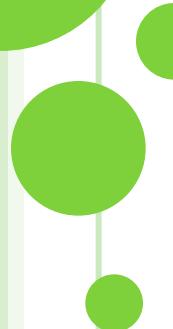
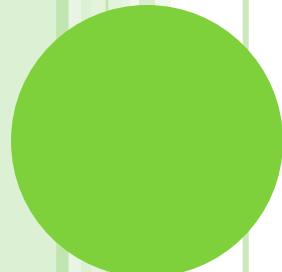
my $proxy = HTTP::Proxy->new();

# create a new HTTP::Recorder object
my $agent = new HTTP::Recorder;

# set the log file (optional)
$agent->file("/tmp/myfile");

# set HTTP::Recorder as the agent for the proxy
$proxy->agent($agent);

# start proxy
$proxy->start();
```



Complex Data Structure

Reference

- Create reference: store address of a variable
 - \$scalarref = \\$foo;
 - \$arrayref = \@ARGV;
 - \$hashref = \%ENV;
 - \$coderef = \&subroutine;
- Use reference
 - \$bar = \$\$scalarref;
 - push(@\$arrayref, \$filename);
 - \$\$arrayref[0] = "January";
 - \$\$hashref{"KEY"} = "VALUE";
 - &\$coderef(1,2,3);

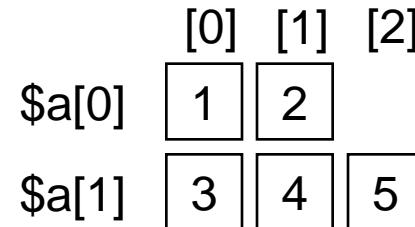
Multi-dimensional Array

- Anonymous array

- \$arrayref = [1, 2, 3];
- \$foo = \$\$arrayref[1];

- 2D array

- @a = ([1, 2], [3, 4, 5]);
- \$a[0][1] == 2



- \$arrayref = [1, 2, ['a', 'b', 'c']];

- \$\$arrayref[2][1] == 'b'
- Another way to use reference by -> operator
- \$arrayref -> [2] -> [1] == 'b'
- \$arrayref -> [2][1] == 'b' → the 1st -> cannot be ignored

Anonymous hash

- \$hashref = { john => 20, mary => 22 };
 - \$\$hashref{john} == 20
- %student = (
 - age => {john => 20, mary => 22},
 - ident => {john => 0, mary => 1},
 - NA_score => [99, 98],) ;
- \$student{age}{john} == 20
- \$student{ident}{mary} == 1
- \$student{NA_score}[1] == 98

Anonymous subroutine

- \$coderef = sub { print "Boink \$_[0]!\n" };
- &\$coderef ("XD");

Package – A different name space

- package main; # the default name space
\$life = 3;
package Mouse; # switch to our package
\$life = 1;
package main; # switch back
print "\$life\n"; # shows 3

Perl Object Usage

- We have two files in the same directory
 - main.pl → The main script, will be run as ./main.pl
 - Mouse.pm → Definition of Mouse object
- In main.pl,

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w
use Mouse;      Tell perl to load the object definition in Mouse.pm
```

```
$mouse = new Mouse( "Mickey" );
```

1. Create new object instance and store the reference to this object in \$mouse
2. Pass "Mickey" to the constructor "new"

```
$mouse -> speak;
```

Call method and pass \$mouse as the 1st argument

```
print "Age: ", $mouse->{age}, "\n";
```

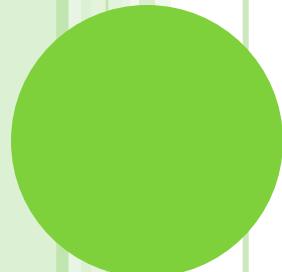
Perl Object Definition: Mouse.pm

```
package Mouse;    Class name used in creating object
    Constructor
sub new {
    my $class = shift;
    my $self = { name => $_[0], age => 10, };
    bless $self, $class;
}
```

Data structure for this object

1. Associate the reference \$self to the class Mouse, so we can call methods of Mouse on this reference, eg. \$self->speak
2. Return the blessed reference \$self

```
sub speak {
    my $self = shift; ← Retrieve its object data
    print "My name is ", $self->{name}, "\n";
}
1; ← Perl module must return true at the end of script
```



Reference Reading

Reference (1) - Document

- Book

- Learning Perl
- Programming Perl
- Perl 學習手札

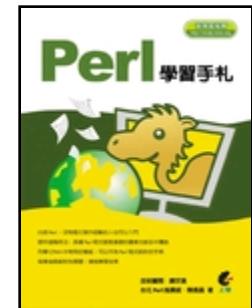
- Manual pages

- perldoc

- perldoc -f PerlFunc
- perldoc -q FAQKeywords
- perldoc IO::Select

- Webs

- <http://perl.hcchien.org/TOC.html>
- http://linux.tnc.edu.tw/techdoc/perl_intro/
- <http://www.unix.org.ua/oreilly/perl/sysadmin/>



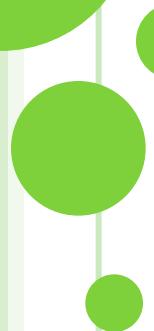
Reference (2) - manual pages

- Man Page

- man perl → brief introduction and overview
- man perlintro → how to execute perl
- man perlrun → data structure
- man perldate → operators and precedence
- man perlop → subroutines
- man perlsub → built-in functions
- man perfunc → predefined variables
- man perlvar → syntax
- man perlsyn → regular expression
- man perlre → File I/O
- man perlopentut → Format
- man perlform

Reference (3) - perldoc

- Autrijus 大師的話，說 perldoc 要照下列順序讀
 - intro, toc, reftut, dsc, lol, requick, retut, boot, toot, tooc, boot, style, trap, debtut, faq[1-9]?, syn, data, op, sub, func, opentut, packtut, pod, podspect, run, diag, lexwarn, debug, var, re, ref, form, obj, tie, dbmfilter, ipc, fork, number, thrtut, othrtut, port, locale, uniintro, unicode, ebcdic, sec, mod, modlib, modstyle, modinstall, newmod, util, compile, filter, embed, debguts, xstut, xs, clib, guts, call, api, intern, iol, apio, hack.
 - 這樣讀完，瞭解的會比 Programming Perl 要來得深入的多



Appendix

Appendix (1) - Process

○ system() function

- system() will fork a /bin/sh shell to execute the command specified in the argument
- STDIN, STDOUT, and STDERR are inherited from the perl process

```
system("date");
system("date ; who > $savehere");
```

○ Backquote

- Execute the command and replace itself with execution result

```
foreach $_ (`who`) {
    ($who, $where, $when) = /^(\S+)\s+(\S+)\s+(.*)$/;
    print "$who on $where at $when";
}
```

○ fork() function

- Just as fork(2)

Appendix (2) - Signals

- Catch the signal in your program
 - Using %SIG predefined hash
 - Using signal name in signal(3) without prefix “SIG” as the key
 - Ex: \$SIG{‘INT’}, \$SIG{‘TERM’}
 - Set the value to “DEFAULT”, “IGNORE”, or your subroutine name

```
$SIG{‘TERM’} = ‘my_TERM_catcher’;
sub my_TERM_catcher {
    print “I catch you!\n”;
}
```

- Sending the signal
 - kill(signal, pid-list)

```
kill(1, 234, 235);      # or kill(‘HUP’, 234, 235);
```

Appendix (3) - Built-in functions

- Scalars
 - chomp, chop, index, length, sprintf, substr, ...
- Numeric
 - abs, exp, log, hex, int, oct, rand, sin, cos, sqrt, ...
- For @ and %
 - push, pop, shift, sort, keys, values, delete
- I/O
 - open, close, read, write, print, printf, ...
- Time-related
 - gmtime, localtime, time, times
- Network
 - bind, socket, accept, connect, listen, getsockopt, setsockopt, ...
- User and group information
 - getpwent, setpwent, getpwuid, getpwnam, getgrent, setgrent, ...

Appendix (4) - Switch

o perldoc perlsyn

- “Basic BLOCKs and Switch Statements”

```
SWITCH: {  
    /^abc/ && do { $abc = 1; last SWITCH; };  
    /^def/ && do { $def = 1; last SWITCH; };  
    /^xyz/ && do { $xyz = 1; last SWITCH; };  
    $nothing = 1;  
}  
  
print do {  
    ($flags & O_WRONLY) ? "write-only" :  
    ($flags & O_RDWR)   ? "read-write" :  
    "read-only";  
};
```

```
SWITCH: for ($where) {  
    /In Card Names/      && do { push @flags, '-e' ; last; };  
    /Anywhere/           && do { push @flags, '-h' ; last; };  
    /In Rulings/         && do {                                last; };  
    die "unknown value for form variable where: `\$where`";  
}
```

o use Switch;

- “... after which one has switch and case. It is not as fast as it could be because it’s not really part of the language ...”