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perlbook - Books about and related to Perl

DESCRIPTION

There are many books on Perl and Perl-related. A few of these are good, some are OK, but many aren't worth your money. There is a list of these books, some with extensive reviews, at http://books.perl.org/. We list some of the books here, and while listing a book implies our endorsement, don't think that not including a book means anything.

Most of these books are available online through Safari Books Online (http://safaribooksonline.com/).

The most popular books

The major reference book on Perl, written by the creator of Perl, is Programming Perl:

Programming Perl (the "Camel Book"):

by Tom Christiansen, brian d foy, Larry Wall with Jon Orwant
ISBN 978-1-4493-9890-3 [ebook]
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9780596004927

The Ram is a cookbook with hundreds of examples of using Perl to accomplish specific tasks:

The Perl Cookbook (the "Ram Book"):

by Tom Christiansen and Nathan Torkington, with Foreword by Larry Wall
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9780596003135/

If you want to learn the basics of Perl, you might start with the Llama book, which assumes that you already know a little about programming:

Learning Perl (the "Llama Book")

by Randal L. Schwartz, Tom Phoenix, and brian d foy
http://oreilly.com/catalog/0636920018452

The tutorial started in the Llama continues in the Alpaca, which introduces the intermediate features of references, data structures, object-oriented programming, and modules:

Intermediate Perl (the "Alpaca Book")

by Randal L. Schwartz and brian d foy, with Tom Phoenix
foreword by Damian Conway
http://oreilly.com/catalog/0636920012689/

References

You might want to keep these desktop references close by your keyboard:

Perl 5 Pocket Reference

by Johan Vromans
http://oreilly.com/catalog/0636920018476/
Perl Debugger Pocket Reference
by Richard Foley
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9780596005030/

Regular Expression Pocket Reference
by Tony Stubblebine
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9780596514273/

Tutorials

Beginning Perl
by James Lee
http://www.apress.com/9781430227939

Learning Perl
by Randal L. Schwartz, Tom Phoenix, and brian d foy
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9780596520106

Intermediate Perl (the "Alpaca Book")
by Randal L. Schwartz and brian d foy, with Tom Phoenix
foreword by Damian Conway
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9780596102067

Mastering Perl
by brian d foy
http://www.oreilly.com/catalog/9780596527242

Effective Perl Programming
by Joseph N. Hall, Joshua A. McAdams, brian d foy
http://www.effectiveperlprogramming.com/

Task-Oriented

Writing Perl Modules for CPAN
by Sam Tregar
http://www.apress.com/9781590590188

The Perl Cookbook
by Tom Christiansen and Nathan Torkington
with foreword by Larry Wall
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9780596003135
Automating System Administration with Perl
by David N. Blank-Edelman
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9780596006396

Real World SQL Server Administration with Perl
by Linchi Shea
http://www.apress.com/9781590590973

Special Topics

Regular Expressions Cookbook
by Jan Goyvaerts and Steven Levithan
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9780596520694

Programming the Perl DBI
by Tim Bunce and Alligator Descartes
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9781565926998

Perl Best Practices
by Damian Conway
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9780596001735

Higher-Order Perl
by Mark-Jason Dominus
http://hop.perl.plover.com/

Mastering Regular Expressions
by Jeffrey E. F. Friedl
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9780596528126

Network Programming with Perl
by Lincoln Stein
http://www.pearsonhighered.com/educator/product/Network-Programming-with-Perl/9780201615715.page

Perl Template Toolkit
by Darren Chamberlain, Dave Cross, and Andy Wardley
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9780596004767

Object Oriented Perl
by Damian Conway
with foreword by Randal L. Schwartz
http://www.manning.com/conway/

Data Munging with Perl
by Dave Cross
ISBN 1-930110-00-6 [1st edition 2001]
http://www.manning.com/cross

Mastering Perl/Tk
by Steve Lidie and Nancy Walsh
http://oreilly.com/catalog/9781565927162

Extending and Embedding Perl
by Tim Jenness and Simon Cozens
http://www.manning.com/jenness

Pro Perl Debugging
by Richard Foley with Andy Lester
http://www.apress.com/9781590594544

Free (as in beer) books
Some of these books are available as free downloads.

Higher-Order Perl: http://hop.perl.plover.com/

Other interesting, non-Perl books
You might notice several familiar Perl concepts in this collection of ACM columns from Jon Bentley. The similarity to the title of the major Perl book (which came later) is not completely accidental:

Programming Pearls
by Jon Bentley

More Programming Pearls
by Jon Bentley
ISBN 0-201-11889-0 [January 1988]

A note on freshness
Each version of Perl comes with the documentation that was current at the time of release. This poses a problem for content such as book lists. There are probably very nice books published after this list was included in your Perl release, and you can check the latest released version at http://perldoc.perl.org/perlbook.html.

Some of the books we’ve listed appear almost ancient in internet scale, but we’ve included those books because they still describe the current way of doing things. Not everything in Perl changes every day. Many of the beginner-level books, too, go over basic features and techniques that are still valid today. In general though, we try to limit this list to books published in the past five years.
Get your book listed

If your Perl book isn't listed and you think it should be, let us know.
In the book list below, you'll find the 101 best books to read of all time across all types and genres from my entire, master-library of thousands of good books to read. Want something more specific? For some best book lists by topic and genre (including lists of the best fiction books and best nonfiction books of all time), head over to the book recommendations page. Outraged? Delighted? The aim is to surface what's most loved, what's most popular and what's proven timelessly relevant. Note: I've excluded religious texts from this list. For a breakdown of those, see this list of the best philosophy books of all time. Books 1-10: The Top 10 Best Books of All Time. Here are the top 10 best books of all time from my database: 1. Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen. A book is a treasure house of knowledge. They are a men's best friends. There is a huge variety of books, and it solely depends on the preference of reader, what they read. Books can be on technology, fiction, non-fiction, religious, literature, science, culture, fashion, civilization, history etc. The genres of books are endless. Dan Brown's crime thriller and adventure novel, The DA Vinci Code, is at the 10th position on our list of most popular books till time. It is a murder thriller story of a man whose body is found in a position similar to the Leonardo the Vinciâ€™s drawing, the Vitruvian Man. The book hinges on the trail of clues that are hidden in the work of Leonardo Da Vinci. The Top 50 greatest fiction books of all time determined by 128 lists and articles from various critics, authors and experts. The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark, or more simply Hamlet, is a tragedy by William Shakespeare, believed to have been written between 1599 and 1601. The play, set in Denmark, recounts how Pri - Wikipedia. Lists about: Best Books Ever, Books That Everyone Should Read At Least Once, Best Young Adult Books, Books That Should Be Made Into Movies, Best Books of... Listopia > Most Popular Book Lists. Best Books Ever. 51,538 books â€“ 203,013 voters. Books That Everyone Should Read At Least Once. 22,643 books â€“ 99,277 voters. Best Young Adult Books. 11,764 books â€“ 80,236 voters. Books That Should Be Made Into Movies. 28,731 books â€“ 68,547 voters. Best Books of the 20th Century. 7,564 books â€“ 49,421 voters. Best Books of the Decade: 2000s. 6,816 books â€“ 28,242 voters. Best Book Boyfriends.