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Intermediate Perl



Synopsis

This book picks up right where Learning Perl leaves off. With Intermediate Perl, you'll graduate from short scripts to much larger programs, using features that make Perl a general-purpose language. This gentle but thorough guide introduces you to modules, complex data structures, and object-oriented programming. Each chapter is small enough to be read in just an hour or two, ending with exercises to help you practice what you've learned. If you're familiar with the material in Learning Perl and have the ambition to go further, Intermediate Perl will teach you most of the core Perl language concepts you need for writing robust programs on any platform. Topics include: Packages and namespaces References and scoping, including regular expression references Manipulating complex data structures Object-oriented programming Writing and using modules Testing Perl code Contributing to CPAN Just like Learning Perl, material in this book closely follows the popular introductory Perl course the authors have taught since 1991. This second edition covers recent changes to the language up to version 5.14.

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This book has advanced my knowledge of perl better than any other! The delivery is spot-on and I understood everything very quickly based on Randal's presentation. Obviously very well refined given how many revisions have past.

A well-written book (in the authors' traditional 'style') covering most of the essential ways to use Perl beyond the simple code that makes your Perl look like Basic.

Gently eases you into perl. Though if you some thing a bit more than the basics u will need to look elsewhere

This one hit me hard in the head -- but very detailed and the first book to open up my eyes to what's going on in Perl code... Of course, not as detailed as the Camel, but very good indeed and very funny as other Perl books...

Brian d foy has done it again this book takes of where "Learning Perl" leaves off, helping you take further steps into this awesome language

I've read 'Objects, References, and Modules' by the same authors multiple times and keep a copy handy at my desk. I haven't completely read this book but am well on my way. I have about 14 years writing Perl scripts (and a few larger programs) in my job, and the techniques covered here, references and complex data structures, are absolutely essential. I rate myself as proficient at Perl, yet I am running across things that I had not realized, that I had not understood, or that I did not know. As some other reviewers have noted, this book is so dense as to be (at times) opaque. However, if Perl is your poison, you will be used to this. Carefully read the text and work through the examples, and you will multiply your skills (particularly if you have not used nested data structures.) Yes, this is Good Stuff. Why only four stars? I do not give five stars out of general principles. This scruple aside, Intermediate Perl really rates 4.999 stars.

I am programming in Perl since 1997. Randal L. Schwartz gives magnificent lessons even to experienced perl programmer. It is called Intermediate Perl, although it covers some advanced concepts. Excellent manual.

I own a ton of technical books on various computer subjects. If they were all as well written as this, life would be so much easier. It is clear and concise. Easily re-readable for more difficult concepts. Every chapter has self exercises, and the answers are in the back. I honestly wish other books were written in this detailed, easy to follow style. The code examples actually demonstrate the concepts and do not introduce distractions from what you are trying to learn. This book is very gratifying to work through because you actually learn at a good pace. The chapters serve as a great desk side reference. My only complaint is that "Intermediate" is in the title, which looks like of noobish on my

desk. On the other hand, you know exactly where you are in the series hierarchy..

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