

NAME

perlmodlib - constructing new Perl modules and finding existing ones

THE PERL MODULE LIBRARY

Many modules are included in the Perl distribution. These are described below, and all end in *.pm*. You may discover compiled library files (usually ending in *.so*) or small pieces of modules to be autoloading (ending in *.al*); these were automatically generated by the installation process. You may also discover files in the library directory that end in either *.pl* or *.ph*. These are old libraries supplied so that old programs that use them still run. The *.pl* files will all eventually be converted into standard modules, and the *.ph* files made by **h2ph** will probably end up as extension modules made by **h2xs**. (Some *.ph* values may already be available through the POSIX, Errno, or Fcntl modules.) The **pl2pm** file in the distribution may help in your conversion, but it's just a mechanical process and therefore far from bulletproof.

Pragmatic Modules

They work somewhat like compiler directives (pragmata) in that they tend to affect the compilation of your program, and thus will usually work well only when used within a `use`, or `no`. Most of these are lexically scoped, so an inner BLOCK may countermand them by saying:

```
no integer;
no strict 'refs';
no warnings;
```

which lasts until the end of that BLOCK.

Some pragmas are lexically scoped--typically those that affect the `%^H` hints variable. Others affect the current package instead, like `use vars` and `use subs`, which allow you to predeclare a variables or subroutines within a particular *file* rather than just a block. Such declarations are effective for the entire file for which they were declared. You cannot rescind them with `no vars` or `no subs`.

The following pragmas are defined (and have their own documentation).

arybase

Set indexing base via `$_`

attributes

Get/set subroutine or variable attributes

autodie

Replace functions with ones that succeed or die with lexical scope

autodie::exception

Exceptions from autodying functions.

autodie::exception::system

Exceptions from autodying `system()`.

autodie::hints

Provide hints about user subroutines to autodie

autodie::skip

Skip a package when throwing autodie exceptions

autouse

Postpone load of modules until a function is used

base

	Establish an ISA relationship with base classes at compile time
<code>bigint</code>	Transparent BigInteger support for Perl
<code>bignum</code>	Transparent BigNumber support for Perl
<code>bigrat</code>	Transparent BigNumber/BigRational support for Perl
<code>blib</code>	Use MakeMaker's uninstalled version of a package
<code>bytes</code>	Expose the individual bytes of characters
<code>charnames</code>	Access to Unicode character names and named character sequences; also define character names
<code>constant</code>	Declare constants
<code>deprecate</code>	Perl pragma for deprecating the core version of a module
<code>diagnostics</code>	Produce verbose warning diagnostics
<code>encoding</code>	Allows you to write your script in non-ASCII and non-UTF-8
<code>encoding::warnings</code>	Warn on implicit encoding conversions
<code>experimental</code>	Experimental features made easy
<code>feature</code>	Enable new features
<code>fields</code>	Compile-time class fields
<code>filetest</code>	Control the filetest permission operators
<code>if</code>	use a Perl module if a condition holds (also can <code>no</code> a module)
<code>integer</code>	Use integer arithmetic instead of floating point
<code>less</code>	Request less of something

lib	Manipulate @INC at compile time
locale	Use or avoid POSIX locales for built-in operations
mro	Method Resolution Order
ok	Alternative to Test::More::use_ok
open	Set default PerlIO layers for input and output
ops	Restrict unsafe operations when compiling
overload	Package for overloading Perl operations
overloading	Lexically control overloading
parent	Establish an ISA relationship with base classes at compile time
re	Alter regular expression behaviour
sigtrap	Enable simple signal handling
sort	Control sort() behaviour
strict	Restrict unsafe constructs
subs	Predeclare sub names
threads	Perl interpreter-based threads
threads::shared	Perl extension for sharing data structures between threads
utf8	Enable/disable UTF-8 (or UTF-EBCDIC) in source code
vars	Predeclare global variable names
version	Perl extension for Version Objects

vmsish	Control VMS-specific language features
warnings::register	Warnings import function

Standard Modules

Standard, bundled modules are all expected to behave in a well-defined manner with respect to namespace pollution because they use the Exporter module. See their own documentation for details.

It's possible that not all modules listed below are installed on your system. For example, the GDBM_File module will not be installed if you don't have the gdbm library.

Amiga::ARexx	Perl extension for ARexx support
Amiga::Exec	Perl extension for low level amiga support
AnyDBM_File	Provide framework for multiple DBMs
App::Cpan	Easily interact with CPAN from the command line
App::Prove	Implements the <code>prove</code> command.
App::Prove::State	State storage for the <code>prove</code> command.
App::Prove::State::Result	Individual test suite results.
App::Prove::State::Result::Test	Individual test results.
Archive::Tar	Module for manipulations of tar archives
Archive::Tar::File	A subclass for in-memory extracted file from Archive::Tar
Attribute::Handlers	Simpler definition of attribute handlers
AutoLoader	Load subroutines only on demand
AutoSplit	Split a package for autoloading
B	The Perl Compiler Backend
B::Concise	

	Walk Perl syntax tree, printing concise info about ops
B::Debug	
	Walk Perl syntax tree, printing debug info about ops
B::Deparse	
	Perl compiler backend to produce perl code
B::Op_private	
	OP op_private flag definitions
B::Showlex	
	Show lexical variables used in functions or files
B::Terse	
	Walk Perl syntax tree, printing terse info about ops
B::Xref	
	Generates cross reference reports for Perl programs
Benchmark	
	Benchmark running times of Perl code
IO::Socket::IP	
	Family-neutral IP socket supporting both IPv4 and IPv6
Socket	
	Networking constants and support functions
CORE	
	Namespace for Perl's core routines
CPAN	
	Query, download and build perl modules from CPAN sites
CPAN::API::HOWTO	
	A recipe book for programming with CPAN.pm
CPAN::Debug	
	Internal debugging for CPAN.pm
CPAN::Distroprefs	
	Read and match distroprefs
CPAN::FirstTime	
	Utility for CPAN::Config file Initialization
CPAN::HandleConfig	
	Internal configuration handling for CPAN.pm
CPAN::Kwalify	
	Interface between CPAN.pm and Kwalify.pm
CPAN::Meta	
	The distribution metadata for a CPAN dist

CPAN::Meta::Converter	Convert CPAN distribution metadata structures
CPAN::Meta::Feature	An optional feature provided by a CPAN distribution
CPAN::Meta::History	History of CPAN Meta Spec changes
CPAN::Meta::History::Meta_1_0	Version 1.0 metadata specification for META.yml
CPAN::Meta::History::Meta_1_1	Version 1.1 metadata specification for META.yml
CPAN::Meta::History::Meta_1_2	Version 1.2 metadata specification for META.yml
CPAN::Meta::History::Meta_1_3	Version 1.3 metadata specification for META.yml
CPAN::Meta::History::Meta_1_4	Version 1.4 metadata specification for META.yml
CPAN::Meta::Merge	Merging CPAN Meta fragments
CPAN::Meta::Prereqs	A set of distribution prerequisites by phase and type
CPAN::Meta::Requirements	A set of version requirements for a CPAN dist
CPAN::Meta::Spec	Specification for CPAN distribution metadata
CPAN::Meta::Validator	Validate CPAN distribution metadata structures
CPAN::Meta::YAML	Read and write a subset of YAML for CPAN Meta files
CPAN::Nox	Wrapper around CPAN.pm without using any XS module
CPAN::Plugin	Base class for CPAN shell extensions
CPAN::Plugin::Specfile	Proof of concept implementation of a trivial CPAN::Plugin
CPAN::Queue	Internal queue support for CPAN.pm
CPAN::Tarzip	Internal handling of tar archives for CPAN.pm

CPAN::Version	Utility functions to compare CPAN versions
Carp	Alternative warn and die for modules
Class::Struct	Declare struct-like datatypes as Perl classes
Compress::Raw::Bzip2	Low-Level Interface to bzip2 compression library
Compress::Raw::Zlib	Low-Level Interface to zlib compression library
Compress::Zlib	Interface to zlib compression library
Config	Access Perl configuration information
Config::Perl::V	Structured data retrieval of perl -V output
Cwd	Get pathname of current working directory
DB	Programmatic interface to the Perl debugging API
DBM_Filter	Filter DBM keys/values
DBM_Filter::compress	Filter for DBM_Filter
DBM_Filter::encode	Filter for DBM_Filter
DBM_Filter::int32	Filter for DBM_Filter
DBM_Filter::null	Filter for DBM_Filter
DBM_Filter::utf8	Filter for DBM_Filter
DB_File	Perl5 access to Berkeley DB version 1.x
Data::Dumper	Stringified perl data structures, suitable for both printing and <code>eval</code>
Devel::PPPport	Perl/Pollution/Portability

Devel::Peek	A data debugging tool for the XS programmer
Devel::SelfStubber	Generate stubs for a SelfLoading module
Digest	Modules that calculate message digests
Digest::MD5	Perl interface to the MD5 Algorithm
Digest::SHA	Perl extension for SHA-1/224/256/384/512
Digest::base	Digest base class
Digest::file	Calculate digests of files
DirHandle	Supply object methods for directory handles
Dumpvalue	Provides screen dump of Perl data.
DynaLoader	Dynamically load C libraries into Perl code
Encode	Character encodings in Perl
Encode::Alias	Alias definitions to encodings
Encode::Byte	Single Byte Encodings
Encode::CJKConstants	Internally used by Encode::?:?:ISO_2022_*
Encode::CN	China-based Chinese Encodings
Encode::CN::HZ	Internally used by Encode::CN
Encode::Config	Internally used by Encode
Encode::EBCDIC	EBCDIC Encodings
Encode::Encoder	Object Oriented Encoder

Encode::Encoding	Encode Implementation Base Class
Encode::GSM0338	ESTI GSM 03.38 Encoding
Encode::Guess	Guesses encoding from data
Encode::JP	Japanese Encodings
Encode::JP::H2Z	Internally used by Encode::JP::2022_JP*
Encode::JP::JIS7	Internally used by Encode::JP
Encode::KR	Korean Encodings
Encode::KR::2022_KR	Internally used by Encode::KR
Encode::MIME::Header	MIME encoding for an unstructured email header
Encode::MIME::Name	Internally used by Encode
Encode::PerIO	A detailed document on Encode and PerIO
Encode::Supported	Encodings supported by Encode
Encode::Symbol	Symbol Encodings
Encode::TW	Taiwan-based Chinese Encodings
Encode::Unicode	Various Unicode Transformation Formats
Encode::Unicode::UTF7	UTF-7 encoding
English	Use nice English (or awk) names for ugly punctuation variables
Env	Perl module that imports environment variables as scalars or arrays
Errno	System errno constants

Exporter	Implements default import method for modules
Exporter::Heavy	Exporter guts
ExtUtils::CBuilder	Compile and link C code for Perl modules
ExtUtils::CBuilder::Platform::Windows	Builder class for Windows platforms
ExtUtils::Command	Utilities to replace common UNIX commands in Makefiles etc.
ExtUtils::Command::MM	Commands for the MM's to use in Makefiles
ExtUtils::Constant	Generate XS code to import C header constants
ExtUtils::Constant::Base	Base class for ExtUtils::Constant objects
ExtUtils::Constant::Utils	Helper functions for ExtUtils::Constant
ExtUtils::Constant::XS	Generate C code for XS modules' constants.
ExtUtils::Embed	Utilities for embedding Perl in C/C++ applications
ExtUtils::Install	Install files from here to there
ExtUtils::Installed	Inventory management of installed modules
ExtUtils::Liblist	Determine libraries to use and how to use them
ExtUtils::MM	OS adjusted ExtUtils::MakeMaker subclass
ExtUtils::MM_AIX	AIX specific subclass of ExtUtils::MM_Unix
ExtUtils::MM_Any	Platform-agnostic MM methods
ExtUtils::MM_BeOS	Methods to override UN*X behaviour in ExtUtils::MakeMaker
ExtUtils::MM_Cygwin	Methods to override UN*X behaviour in ExtUtils::MakeMaker

ExtUtils::MM_DOS	DOS specific subclass of ExtUtils::MM_Unix
ExtUtils::MM_Darwin	Special behaviors for OS X
ExtUtils::MM_MacOS	Once produced Makefiles for MacOS Classic
ExtUtils::MM_NW5	Methods to override UN*X behaviour in ExtUtils::MakeMaker
ExtUtils::MM_OS2	Methods to override UN*X behaviour in ExtUtils::MakeMaker
ExtUtils::MM_QNX	QNX specific subclass of ExtUtils::MM_Unix
ExtUtils::MM_UWIN	U/WIN specific subclass of ExtUtils::MM_Unix
ExtUtils::MM_Unix	Methods used by ExtUtils::MakeMaker
ExtUtils::MM_VMS	Methods to override UN*X behaviour in ExtUtils::MakeMaker
ExtUtils::MM_VOS	VOS specific subclass of ExtUtils::MM_Unix
ExtUtils::MM_Win32	Methods to override UN*X behaviour in ExtUtils::MakeMaker
ExtUtils::MM_Win95	Method to customize MakeMaker for Win9X
ExtUtils::MY	ExtUtils::MakeMaker subclass for customization
ExtUtils::MakeMaker	Create a module Makefile
ExtUtils::MakeMaker::Config	Wrapper around Config.pm
ExtUtils::MakeMaker::FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions About MakeMaker
ExtUtils::MakeMaker::Locale	Bundled Encode::Locale
ExtUtils::MakeMaker::Tutorial	Writing a module with MakeMaker
ExtUtils::Manifest	Utilities to write and check a MANIFEST file

ExtUtils::Miniperl	Write the C code for miniperlmain.c and perlmain.c
ExtUtils::Mkbootstrap	Make a bootstrap file for use by DynaLoader
ExtUtils::Mksymlists	Write linker options files for dynamic extension
ExtUtils::Packlist	Manage .packlist files
ExtUtils::ParseXS	Converts Perl XS code into C code
ExtUtils::ParseXS::Constants	Initialization values for some globals
ExtUtils::ParseXS::Eval	Clean package to evaluate code in
ExtUtils::ParseXS::Utilities	Subroutines used with ExtUtils::ParseXS
ExtUtils::Typemaps	Read/Write/Modify Perl/XS typemap files
ExtUtils::Typemaps::Cmd	Quick commands for handling typemaps
ExtUtils::Typemaps::InputMap	Entry in the INPUT section of a typemap
ExtUtils::Typemaps::OutputMap	Entry in the OUTPUT section of a typemap
ExtUtils::Typemaps::Type	Entry in the TYPEMAP section of a typemap
ExtUtils::XSSymSet	Keep sets of symbol names palatable to the VMS linker
ExtUtils::testlib	Add blib/* directories to @INC
Fatal	Replace functions with equivalents which succeed or die
Fcntl	Load the C Fcntl.h defines
File::Basename	Parse file paths into directory, filename and suffix.
File::Compare	Compare files or filehandles

File::Copy	Copy files or filehandles
File::DosGlob	DOS like globbing and then some
File::Fetch	A generic file fetching mechanism
File::Find	Traverse a directory tree.
File::Glob	Perl extension for BSD glob routine
File::GlobMapper	Extend File Glob to Allow Input and Output Files
File::Path	Create or remove directory trees
File::Spec	Portably perform operations on file names
File::Spec::AmigaOS	File::Spec for AmigaOS
File::Spec::Cygwin	Methods for Cygwin file specs
File::Spec::EpoC	Methods for EPOC file specs
File::Spec::Functions	Portably perform operations on file names
File::Spec::Mac	File::Spec for Mac OS (Classic)
File::Spec::OS2	Methods for OS/2 file specs
File::Spec::Unix	File::Spec for Unix, base for other File::Spec modules
File::Spec::VMS	Methods for VMS file specs
File::Spec::Win32	Methods for Win32 file specs
File::Temp	Return name and handle of a temporary file safely
File::stat	By-name interface to Perl's built-in stat() functions

FileCache	Keep more files open than the system permits
FileHandle	Supply object methods for filehandles
Filter::Simple	Simplified source filtering
Filter::Util::Call	Perl Source Filter Utility Module
FindBin	Locate directory of original perl script
GDBM_File	Perl5 access to the gdbm library.
Getopt::Long	Extended processing of command line options
Getopt::Std	Process single-character switches with switch clustering
HTTP::Tiny	A small, simple, correct HTTP/1.1 client
Hash::Util	A selection of general-utility hash subroutines
Hash::Util::FieldHash	Support for Inside-Out Classes
I18N::Collate	Compare 8-bit scalar data according to the current locale
I18N::LangTags	Functions for dealing with RFC3066-style language tags
I18N::LangTags::Detect	Detect the user's language preferences
I18N::LangTags::List	Tags and names for human languages
I18N::Langinfo	Query locale information
IO	Load various IO modules
IO::Compress::Base	Base Class for IO::Compress modules
IO::Compress::Bzip2	Write bzip2 files/buffers

IO::Compress::Deflate	Write RFC 1950 files/buffers
IO::Compress::FAQ	Frequently Asked Questions about IO::Compress
IO::Compress::Gzip	Write RFC 1952 files/buffers
IO::Compress::RawDeflate	Write RFC 1951 files/buffers
IO::Compress::Zip	Write zip files/buffers
IO::Dir	Supply object methods for directory handles
IO::File	Supply object methods for filehandles
IO::Handle	Supply object methods for I/O handles
IO::Pipe	Supply object methods for pipes
IO::Poll	Object interface to system poll call
IO::Seekable	Supply seek based methods for I/O objects
IO::Select	OO interface to the select system call
IO::Socket	Object interface to socket communications
IO::Socket::INET	Object interface for AF_INET domain sockets
IO::Socket::UNIX	Object interface for AF_UNIX domain sockets
IO::Uncompress::AnyInflate	Uncompress zlib-based (zip, gzip) file/buffer
IO::Uncompress::AnyUncompress	Uncompress gzip, zip, bzip2 or lzop file/buffer
IO::Uncompress::Base	Base Class for IO::Uncompress modules
IO::Uncompress::Bunzip2	Read bzip2 files/buffers

IO::Uncompress::Gunzip	Read RFC 1952 files/buffers
IO::Uncompress::Inflate	Read RFC 1950 files/buffers
IO::Uncompress::RawInflate	Read RFC 1951 files/buffers
IO::Uncompress::Unzip	Read zip files/buffers
IO::Zlib	IO:: style interface to <i>Compress::Zlib</i>
IPC::Cmd	Finding and running system commands made easy
IPC::Msg	SysV Msg IPC object class
IPC::Open2	Open a process for both reading and writing using open2()
IPC::Open3	Open a process for reading, writing, and error handling using open3()
IPC::Semaphore	SysV Semaphore IPC object class
IPC::SharedMem	SysV Shared Memory IPC object class
IPC::SysV	System V IPC constants and system calls
Internals	Reserved special namespace for internals related functions
JSON::PP	JSON::XS compatible pure-Perl module.
JSON::PP::Boolean	Dummy module providing JSON::PP::Boolean
List::Util	A selection of general-utility list subroutines
List::Util::XS	Indicate if List::Util was compiled with a C compiler
Locale::Codes	A distribution of modules to handle locale codes
Locale::Codes::API	A description of the callable function in each module

- Locale::Codes::Changes
 - Details changes to Locale::Codes
- Locale::Codes::Country
 - Standard codes for country identification
- Locale::Codes::Currency
 - Standard codes for currency identification
- Locale::Codes::LangExt
 - Standard codes for language extension identification
- Locale::Codes::LangFam
 - Standard codes for language extension identification
- Locale::Codes::LangVar
 - Standard codes for language variation identification
- Locale::Codes::Language
 - Standard codes for language identification
- Locale::Codes::Script
 - Standard codes for script identification
- Locale::Country
 - Standard codes for country identification
- Locale::Currency
 - Standard codes for currency identification
- Locale::Language
 - Standard codes for language identification
- Locale::Maketext
 - Framework for localization
- Locale::Maketext::Cookbook
 - Recipes for using Locale::Maketext
- Locale::Maketext::Guts
 - Deprecated module to load Locale::Maketext utf8 code
- Locale::Maketext::GutsLoader
 - Deprecated module to load Locale::Maketext utf8 code
- Locale::Maketext::Simple
 - Simple interface to Locale::Maketext::Lexicon
- Locale::Maketext::TPJ13
 - Article about software localization
- Locale::Script
 - Standard codes for script identification
- MIME::Base64
 - Encoding and decoding of base64 strings

MIME::QuotedPrint	Encoding and decoding of quoted-printable strings
Math::BigFloat	Arbitrary size floating point math package
Math::BigInt	Arbitrary size integer/float math package
Math::BigInt::Calc	Pure Perl module to support Math::BigInt
Math::BigInt::CalcEmu	Emulate low-level math with BigInt code
Math::BigInt::FastCalc	Math::BigInt::Calc with some XS for more speed
Math::BigInt::Lib	Virtual parent class for Math::BigInt libraries
Math::BigRat	Arbitrary big rational numbers
Math::Complex	Complex numbers and associated mathematical functions
Math::Trig	Trigonometric functions
Memoize	Make functions faster by trading space for time
Memoize::AnyDBM_File	Glue to provide EXISTS for AnyDBM_File for Storable use
Memoize::Expire	Plug-in module for automatic expiration of memoized values
Memoize::ExpireFile	Test for Memoize expiration semantics
Memoize::ExpireTest	Test for Memoize expiration semantics
Memoize::NDBM_File	Glue to provide EXISTS for NDBM_File for Storable use
Memoize::SDBM_File	Glue to provide EXISTS for SDBM_File for Storable use
Memoize::Storable	Store Memoized data in Storable database
Module::CoreList	What modules shipped with versions of perl

Module::CoreList::Utils	What utilities shipped with versions of perl
Module::Load	Runtime require of both modules and files
Module::Load::Conditional	Looking up module information / loading at runtime
Module::Loaded	Mark modules as loaded or unloaded
Module::Metadata	Gather package and POD information from perl module files
NDBM_File	Tied access to ndbm files
NEXT	Provide a pseudo-class NEXT (et al) that allows method redispach
Net::Cmd	Network Command class (as used by FTP, SMTP etc)
Net::Config	Local configuration data for libnet
Net::Domain	Attempt to evaluate the current host's internet name and domain
Net::FTP	FTP Client class
Net::FTP::dataconn	FTP Client data connection class
Net::NNTP	NNTP Client class
Net::Netrc	OO interface to users netrc file
Net::POP3	Post Office Protocol 3 Client class (RFC1939)
Net::Ping	Check a remote host for reachability
Net::SMTP	Simple Mail Transfer Protocol Client
Net::Time	Time and daytime network client interface
Net::hostent	By-name interface to Perl's built-in gethost*() functions

Net::libnetFAQ	Libnet Frequently Asked Questions
Net::netent	By-name interface to Perl's built-in getnet*() functions
Net::protoent	By-name interface to Perl's built-in getproto*() functions
Net::servent	By-name interface to Perl's built-in getserv*() functions
O	Generic interface to Perl Compiler backends
ODBM_File	Tied access to odbm files
Opcode	Disable named opcodes when compiling perl code
POSIX	Perl interface to IEEE Std 1003.1
Params::Check	A generic input parsing/checking mechanism.
Parse::CPAN::Meta	Parse META.yml and META.json CPAN metadata files
Perl::OSType	Map Perl operating system names to generic types
PerlIO	On demand loader for PerlIO layers and root of PerlIO::* name space
PerlIO::encoding	Encoding layer
PerlIO::mmap	Memory mapped IO
PerlIO::scalar	In-memory IO, scalar IO
PerlIO::via	Helper class for PerlIO layers implemented in perl
PerlIO::via::QuotedPrint	PerlIO layer for quoted-printable strings
Pod::Checker	Check pod documents for syntax errors
Pod::Escapes	For resolving Pod E<...> sequences

Pod::Find	Find POD documents in directory trees
Pod::Functions	Group Perl's functions a la perlfunc.pod
Pod::Html	Module to convert pod files to HTML
Pod::InputObjects	Objects representing POD input paragraphs, commands, etc.
Pod::Man	Convert POD data to formatted *roff input
Pod::ParseLink	Parse an L<> formatting code in POD text
Pod::ParseUtils	Helpers for POD parsing and conversion
Pod::Parser	Base class for creating POD filters and translators
Pod::Perldoc	Look up Perl documentation in Pod format.
Pod::Perldoc::BaseTo	Base for Pod::Perldoc formatters
Pod::Perldoc::GetOptsOO	Customized option parser for Pod::Perldoc
Pod::Perldoc::ToANSI	Render Pod with ANSI color escapes
Pod::Perldoc::ToChecker	Let Perldoc check Pod for errors
Pod::Perldoc::ToMan	Let Perldoc render Pod as man pages
Pod::Perldoc::ToNroff	Let Perldoc convert Pod to nroff
Pod::Perldoc::ToPod	Let Perldoc render Pod as ... Pod!
Pod::Perldoc::ToRtf	Let Perldoc render Pod as RTF
Pod::Perldoc::ToTerm	Render Pod with terminal escapes
Pod::Perldoc::ToText	Let Perldoc render Pod as plaintext

Pod::Perldoc::ToTk	Let Perldoc use Tk::Pod to render Pod
Pod::Perldoc::ToXml	Let Perldoc render Pod as XML
Pod::PlainText	Convert POD data to formatted ASCII text
Pod::Select	Extract selected sections of POD from input
Pod::Simple	Framework for parsing Pod
Pod::Simple::Checker	Check the Pod syntax of a document
Pod::Simple::Debug	Put Pod::Simple into trace/debug mode
Pod::Simple::DumpAsText	Dump Pod-parsing events as text
Pod::Simple::DumpAsXML	Turn Pod into XML
Pod::Simple::HTML	Convert Pod to HTML
Pod::Simple::HTMLBatch	Convert several Pod files to several HTML files
Pod::Simple::LinkSection	Represent "section" attributes of L codes
Pod::Simple::Methody	Turn Pod::Simple events into method calls
Pod::Simple::PullParser	A pull-parser interface to parsing Pod
Pod::Simple::PullParserEndToken	End-tokens from Pod::Simple::PullParser
Pod::Simple::PullParserStartToken	Start-tokens from Pod::Simple::PullParser
Pod::Simple::PullParserTextToken	Text-tokens from Pod::Simple::PullParser
Pod::Simple::PullParserToken	Tokens from Pod::Simple::PullParser
Pod::Simple::RTF	Format Pod as RTF

Pod::Simple::Search	Find POD documents in directory trees
Pod::Simple::SimpleTree	Parse Pod into a simple parse tree
Pod::Simple::Subclassing	Write a formatter as a Pod::Simple subclass
Pod::Simple::Text	Format Pod as plaintext
Pod::Simple::TextContent	Get the text content of Pod
Pod::Simple::XHTML	Format Pod as validating XHTML
Pod::Simple::XMLOutputStream	Turn Pod into XML
Pod::Text	Convert POD data to formatted text
Pod::Text::Color	Convert POD data to formatted color ASCII text
Pod::Text::Termcap	Convert POD data to ASCII text with format escapes
Pod::Usage	Print a usage message from embedded pod documentation
SDBM_File	Tied access to sdbm files
Safe	Compile and execute code in restricted compartments
Scalar::Util	A selection of general-utility scalar subroutines
Search::Dict	Look - search for key in dictionary file
SelectSaver	Save and restore selected file handle
SelfLoader	Load functions only on demand
Storable	Persistence for Perl data structures
Sub::Util	A selection of utility subroutines for subs and CODE references

Symbol	Manipulate Perl symbols and their names
Sys::Hostname	Try every conceivable way to get hostname
Sys::Syslog	Perl interface to the UNIX syslog(3) calls
Sys::Syslog::Win32	Win32 support for Sys::Syslog
TAP::Base	Base class that provides common functionality to <i>TAP::Parser</i>
TAP::Formatter::Base	Base class for harness output delegates
TAP::Formatter::Color	Run Perl test scripts with color
TAP::Formatter::Console	Harness output delegate for default console output
TAP::Formatter::Console::ParallelSession	Harness output delegate for parallel console output
TAP::Formatter::Console::Session	Harness output delegate for default console output
TAP::Formatter::File	Harness output delegate for file output
TAP::Formatter::File::Session	Harness output delegate for file output
TAP::Formatter::Session	Abstract base class for harness output delegate
TAP::Harness	Run test scripts with statistics
TAP::Harness::Env	Parsing harness related environmental variables where appropriate
TAP::Object	Base class that provides common functionality to all <code>TAP::*</code> modules
TAP::Parser	Parse <i>TAP</i> output
TAP::Parser::Aggregator	Aggregate <i>TAP::Parser</i> results
TAP::Parser::Grammar	A grammar for the Test Anything Protocol.

TAP::Parser::Iterator	Base class for TAP source iterators
TAP::Parser::Iterator::Array	Iterator for array-based TAP sources
TAP::Parser::Iterator::Process	Iterator for process-based TAP sources
TAP::Parser::Iterator::Stream	Iterator for filehandle-based TAP sources
TAP::Parser::IteratorFactory	Figures out which SourceHandler objects to use for a given Source
TAP::Parser::Multiplexer	Multiplex multiple TAP::Parsers
TAP::Parser::Result	Base class for TAP::Parser output objects
TAP::Parser::Result::Bailout	Bailout result token.
TAP::Parser::Result::Comment	Comment result token.
TAP::Parser::Result::Plan	Plan result token.
TAP::Parser::Result::Pragma	TAP pragma token.
TAP::Parser::Result::Test	Test result token.
TAP::Parser::Result::Unknown	Unknown result token.
TAP::Parser::Result::Version	TAP syntax version token.
TAP::Parser::Result::YAML	YAML result token.
TAP::Parser::ResultFactory	Factory for creating TAP::Parser output objects
TAP::Parser::Scheduler	Schedule tests during parallel testing
TAP::Parser::Scheduler::Job	A single testing job.
TAP::Parser::Scheduler::Spinner	A no-op job.

TAP::Parser::Source	A TAP source & meta data about it
TAP::Parser::SourceHandler	Base class for different TAP source handlers
TAP::Parser::SourceHandler::Executable	Stream output from an executable TAP source
TAP::Parser::SourceHandler::File	Stream TAP from a text file.
TAP::Parser::SourceHandler::Handle	Stream TAP from an IO::Handle or a GLOB.
TAP::Parser::SourceHandler::Perl	Stream TAP from a Perl executable
TAP::Parser::SourceHandler::RawTAP	Stream output from raw TAP in a scalar/array ref.
TAP::Parser::YAMLish::Reader	Read YAMLish data from iterator
TAP::Parser::YAMLish::Writer	Write YAMLish data
Term::ANSIColor	Color screen output using ANSI escape sequences
Term::Cap	Perl termcap interface
Term::Complete	Perl word completion module
Term::ReadLine	Perl interface to various <code>readline</code> packages.
Test	Provides a simple framework for writing test scripts
Test2	Framework for writing test tools that all work together.
Test2::API	Primary interface for writing Test2 based testing tools.
Test2::API::Breakage	What breaks at what version
Test2::API::Context	Object to represent a testing context.
Test2::API::Instance	Object used by Test2::API under the hood

Test2::API::Stack	Object to manage a stack of <i>Test2::Hub</i>
Test2::Event	Base class for events
Test2::Event::Bail	Bailout!
Test2::Event::Diag	Diag event type
Test2::Event::Encoding	Set the encoding for the output stream
Test2::Event::Exception	Exception event
Test2::Event::Generic	Generic event type.
Test2::Event::Info	Info event base class
Test2::Event::Note	Note event type
Test2::Event::Ok	Ok event type
Test2::Event::Plan	The event of a plan
Test2::Event::Skip	Skip event type
Test2::Event::Subtest	Event for subtest types
Test2::Event::TAP::Version	Event for TAP version.
Test2::Event::Waiting	Tell all procs/threads it is time to be done
Test2::Formatter	Namespace for formatters.
Test2::Formatter::TAP	Standard TAP formatter
Test2::Hub	The conduit through which all events flow.
Test2::Hub::Interceptor	Hub used by interceptor to grab results.

Test2::Hub::Interceptor::Terminator	Exception class used by
Test2::Hub::Subtest	Hub used by subtests
Test2::IPC	Turn on IPC for threading or forking support.
Test2::IPC::Driver	Base class for Test2 IPC drivers.
Test2::IPC::Driver::Files	Temp dir + Files concurrency model.
Test2::Tools::Tiny	Tiny set of tools for unfortunate souls who cannot use
Test2::Transition	Transition notes when upgrading to Test2
Test2::Util	Tools used by Test2 and friends.
Test2::Util::ExternalMeta	Allow third party tools to safely attach meta-data
Test2::Util::HashBase	Build hash based classes.
Test2::Util::Trace	Debug information for events
Test::Builder	Backend for building test libraries
Test::Builder::Formatter	Test::Builder subclass of Test2::Formatter::TAP
Test::Builder::IO::Scalar	A copy of IO::Scalar for Test::Builder
Test::Builder::Module	Base class for test modules
Test::Builder::Tester	Test testsuites that have been built with
Test::Builder::Tester::Color	Turn on colour in Test::Builder::Tester
Test::Builder::TodoDiag	Test::Builder subclass of Test2::Event::Diag
Test::Harness	Run Perl standard test scripts with statistics

Test::Harness::Beyond	Beyond make test
Test::More	Yet another framework for writing test scripts
Test::Simple	Basic utilities for writing tests.
Test::Tester	Ease testing test modules built with Test::Builder
Test::Tester::Capture	Help testing test modules built with Test::Builder
Test::Tester::CaptureRunner	Help testing test modules built with Test::Builder
Test::Tutorial	A tutorial about writing really basic tests
Test::use::ok	Alternative to Test::More::use_ok
Text::Abbrev	Abbrev - create an abbreviation table from a list
Text::Balanced	Extract delimited text sequences from strings.
Text::ParseWords	Parse text into an array of tokens or array of arrays
Text::Tabs	Expand and unexpand tabs like unix expand(1) and unexpand(1)
Text::Wrap	Line wrapping to form simple paragraphs
Thread	Manipulate threads in Perl (for old code only)
Thread::Queue	Thread-safe queues
Thread::Semaphore	Thread-safe semaphores
Tie::Array	Base class for tied arrays
Tie::File	Access the lines of a disk file via a Perl array
Tie::Handle	Base class definitions for tied handles

Tie::Hash	Base class definitions for tied hashes
Tie::Hash::NamedCapture	Named regexp capture buffers
Tie::Memoize	Add data to hash when needed
Tie::RefHash	Use references as hash keys
Tie::Scalar	Base class definitions for tied scalars
Tie::StdHandle	Base class definitions for tied handles
Tie::SubstrHash	Fixed-table-size, fixed-key-length hashing
Time::HiRes	High resolution alarm, sleep, gettimeofday, interval timers
Time::Local	Efficiently compute time from local and GMT time
Time::Piece	Object Oriented time objects
Time::Seconds	A simple API to convert seconds to other date values
Time::gmtime	By-name interface to Perl's built-in gmtime() function
Time::localtime	By-name interface to Perl's built-in localtime() function
Time::tm	Internal object used by Time::gmtime and Time::localtime
UNIVERSAL	Base class for ALL classes (blessed references)
Unicode::Collate	Unicode Collation Algorithm
Unicode::Collate::CJK::Big5	Weighting CJK Unified Ideographs
Unicode::Collate::CJK::GB2312	Weighting CJK Unified Ideographs
Unicode::Collate::CJK::JISX0208	Weighting JIS KANJI for Unicode::Collate

Unicode::Collate::CJK::Korean	Weighting CJK Unified Ideographs
Unicode::Collate::CJK::Pinyin	Weighting CJK Unified Ideographs
Unicode::Collate::CJK::Stroke	Weighting CJK Unified Ideographs
Unicode::Collate::CJK::Zhuyin	Weighting CJK Unified Ideographs
Unicode::Collate::Locale	Linguistic tailoring for DUCET via Unicode::Collate
Unicode::Normalize	Unicode Normalization Forms
Unicode::UCD	Unicode character database
User::grent	By-name interface to Perl's built-in getgr*() functions
User::pwent	By-name interface to Perl's built-in getpw*() functions
VMS::DCLsym	Perl extension to manipulate DCL symbols
VMS::Filespec	Convert between VMS and Unix file specification syntax
VMS::Stdio	Standard I/O functions via VMS extensions
Win32	Interfaces to some Win32 API Functions
Win32API::File	Low-level access to Win32 system API calls for files/dirs.
Win32CORE	Win32 CORE function stubs
XS::APItest	Test the perl C API
XS::Typemap	Module to test the XS typemaps distributed with perl
XSLoader	Dynamically load C libraries into Perl code
autodie::Scope::Guard	Wrapper class for calling subs at end of scope

autodie::Scope::GuardStack

Hook stack for managing scopes via %^H

autodie::Util

Internal Utility subroutines for autodie and Fatal

version::Internals

Perl extension for Version Objects

To find out *all* modules installed on your system, including those without documentation or outside the standard release, just use the following command (under the default win32 shell, double quotes should be used instead of single quotes).

```
% perl -MFile::Find=find -MFile::Spec::Functions -Tlwe \
  'find { wanted => sub { print canonpath $_ if /\.pm\z/ } },
  no_chdir => 1 }, @INC'
```

(The -T is here to prevent '.' from being listed in @INC.) They should all have their own documentation installed and accessible via your system man(1) command. If you do not have a **find** program, you can use the Perl **find2perl** program instead, which generates Perl code as output you can run through perl. If you have a **man** program but it doesn't find your modules, you'll have to fix your manpath. See *perl* for details. If you have no system **man** command, you might try the **perldoc** program.

Note also that the command `perldoc perllocal` gives you a (possibly incomplete) list of the modules that have been further installed on your system. (The `perllocal.pod` file is updated by the standard MakeMaker install process.)

Extension Modules

Extension modules are written in C (or a mix of Perl and C). They are usually dynamically loaded into Perl if and when you need them, but may also be linked in statically. Supported extension modules include Socket, Fcntl, and POSIX.

Many popular C extension modules do not come bundled (at least, not completely) due to their sizes, volatility, or simply lack of time for adequate testing and configuration across the multitude of platforms on which Perl was beta-tested. You are encouraged to look for them on CPAN (described below), or using web search engines like Alta Vista or Google.

CPAN

CPAN stands for Comprehensive Perl Archive Network; it's a globally replicated trove of Perl materials, including documentation, style guides, tricks and traps, alternate ports to non-Unix systems and occasional binary distributions for these. Search engines for CPAN can be found at <http://www.cpan.org/>

Most importantly, CPAN includes around a thousand unbundled modules, some of which require a C compiler to build. Major categories of modules are:

- Language Extensions and Documentation Tools
- Development Support
- Operating System Interfaces
- Networking, Device Control (modems) and InterProcess Communication
- Data Types and Data Type Utilities
- Database Interfaces

- User Interfaces
- Interfaces to / Emulations of Other Programming Languages
- File Names, File Systems and File Locking (see also File Handles)
- String Processing, Language Text Processing, Parsing, and Searching
- Option, Argument, Parameter, and Configuration File Processing
- Internationalization and Locale
- Authentication, Security, and Encryption
- World Wide Web, HTML, HTTP, CGI, MIME
- Server and Daemon Utilities
- Archiving and Compression
- Images, Pixmap and Bitmap Manipulation, Drawing, and Graphing
- Mail and Usenet News
- Control Flow Utilities (callbacks and exceptions etc)
- File Handle and Input/Output Stream Utilities
- Miscellaneous Modules

The list of the registered CPAN sites follows. Please note that the sorting order is alphabetical on fields:

Continent | |-->Country | |-->[state/province] | |-->ftp | |-->[http]

and thus the North American servers happen to be listed between the European and the South American sites.

Registered CPAN sites

Africa

South Africa

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http://mirror.is.co.za/pub/cpan/  
ftp://ftp.is.co.za/pub/cpan/  
http://cpan.mirror.ac.za/  
ftp://cpan.mirror.ac.za/  
http://cpan.saix.net/  
ftp://ftp.saix.net/pub/CPAN/  
http://ftp.wa.co.za/pub/CPAN/  
ftp://ftp.wa.co.za/pub/CPAN/
```

Uganda

```
http://mirror.ucu.ac.ug/cpan/
```

Zimbabwe

```
http://mirror.zol.co.zw/CPAN/  
ftp://mirror.zol.co.zw/CPAN/
```

Asia**Bangladesh**

<http://mirror.dhakacom.com/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.dhakacom.com/CPAN/>

China

<http://cpan.communilink.net/>
<http://ftp.cuhk.edu.hk/pub/packages/perl/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.cuhk.edu.hk/pub/packages/perl/CPAN/>
<http://mirrors.hust.edu.cn/CPAN/>
<http://mirrors.neusoft.edu.cn/cpan/>
<http://mirror.lzu.edu.cn/CPAN/>
<http://mirrors.163.com/cpan/>
<http://mirrors.sohu.com/CPAN/>
<http://mirrors.ustc.edu.cn/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirrors.ustc.edu.cn/CPAN/>
<http://mirrors.xmu.edu.cn/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirrors.xmu.edu.cn/CPAN/>
<http://mirrors.zju.edu.cn/CPAN/>

India

<http://cpan.excellmedia.net/>
<http://perlmirror.indialinks.com/>

Indonesia

<http://kambing.ui.ac.id/cpan/>
<http://cpan.pesat.net.id/>
<http://mirror.poliwangi.ac.id/CPAN/>
<http://kartolo.sby.datautama.net.id/CPAN/>
<http://mirror.wanxp.id/cpan/>

Iran

<http://mirror.yazd.ac.ir/cpan/>

Israel

<http://biocourse.weizmann.ac.il/CPAN/>

Japan

<http://ftp.jaist.ac.jp/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.jaist.ac.jp/pub/CPAN/>
<http://mirror.jre655.com/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.jre655.com/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.kddilabs.jp/CPAN/>
<http://ftp.nara.wide.ad.jp/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.nara.wide.ad.jp/pub/CPAN/>
<http://ftp.riken.jp/lang/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.riken.jp/lang/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.u-aizu.ac.jp/pub/CPAN/>
<http://ftp.yz.yamagata-u.ac.jp/pub/lang/cpan/>
<ftp://ftp.yz.yamagata-u.ac.jp/pub/lang/cpan/>

Kazakhstan

<http://mirror.neolabs.kz/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.neolabs.kz/CPAN/>

Philippines

<http://mirror.pregi.net/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.pregi.net/CPAN/>
<http://mirror.rise.ph/cpan/>
<ftp://mirror.rise.ph/cpan/>

Qatar

<http://mirror.qnren.qa/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.qnren.qa/CPAN/>

Republic of Korea

<http://cpan.mirror.cdnetworks.com/>
<ftp://cpan.mirror.cdnetworks.com/CPAN/>
<http://ftp.kaist.ac.kr/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.kaist.ac.kr/CPAN/>
<http://ftp.kr.freebsd.org/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.kr.freebsd.org/pub/CPAN/>
<http://mirror.navercorp.com/CPAN/>
<http://ftp.neowiz.com/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.neowiz.com/CPAN/>

Singapore

<http://cpan.mirror.choon.net/>
<http://mirror.0x.sg/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.0x.sg/CPAN/>

Taiwan

<http://cpan.cdpa.nsysu.edu.tw/Unix/Lang/CPAN/>
<ftp://cpan.cdpa.nsysu.edu.tw/Unix/Lang/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.stu.edu.tw/>
<ftp://ftp.stu.edu.tw/CPAN/>
<http://ftp.yzu.edu.tw/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.yzu.edu.tw/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.nctu.edu.tw/>
<ftp://cpan.nctu.edu.tw/>
<http://ftp.ubuntu-tw.org/mirror/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.ubuntu-tw.org/mirror/CPAN/>

Turkey

<http://cpan.ulak.net.tr/>
<ftp://ftp.ulak.net.tr/pub/perl/CPAN/>
<http://mirror.vit.com.tr/mirror/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.vit.com.tr/CPAN/>

Viet Nam

<http://mirrors.digipower.vn/CPAN/>
<http://mirror.downloadvn.com/cpan/>

<http://mirrors.vinahost.vn/CPAN/>

Europe

Austria

<http://cpan.inode.at/>
<ftp://cpan.inode.at/>
<http://mirror.easyname.at/cpan/>
<ftp://mirror.easyname.at/cpan/>
<http://gd.tuwien.ac.at/languages/perl/CPAN/>
<ftp://gd.tuwien.ac.at/pub/CPAN/>

Belarus

<http://ftp.byfly.by/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.byfly.by/pub/CPAN/>
<http://mirror.datacenter.by/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.datacenter.by/pub/CPAN/>

Belgium

<http://ftp.belnet.be/ftp.cpan.org/>
<ftp://ftp.belnet.be/mirror/ftp.cpan.org/>
<http://cpan.cu.be/>
<http://lib.ugent.be/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.weepeetelecom.be/>

Bosnia and Herzegovina

<http://cpan.mirror.ba/>
<ftp://ftp.mirror.ba/CPAN/>

Bulgaria

<http://mirrors.neterra.net/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirrors.neterra.net/CPAN/>
<http://mirrors.netix.net/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirrors.netix.net/CPAN/>

Croatia

<http://ftp.carnet.hr/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.carnet.hr/pub/CPAN/>

Czech Republic

<http://mirror.dkm.cz/cpan/>
<ftp://mirror.dkm.cz/cpan/>
<ftp://ftp.fi.muni.cz/pub/CPAN/>
<http://mirrors.nic.cz/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirrors.nic.cz/pub/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.mirror.vutbr.cz/>
<ftp://mirror.vutbr.cz/cpan/>

Denmark

<http://www.cpan.dk/>
<http://mirrors.dotsrc.org/cpan/>

<ftp://mirrors.dotsrc.org/cpan/>

Finland

<ftp://ftp.funet.fi/pub/languages/perl/CPAN/>

France

<http://ftp.ciril.fr/pub/cpan/>
<ftp://ftp.ciril.fr/pub/cpan/>
<http://distrib-coffee.ipsl.jussieu.fr/pub/mirrors/cpan/>
<ftp://distrib-coffee.ipsl.jussieu.fr/pub/mirrors/cpan/>
<http://ftp.lip6.fr/pub/perl/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.lip6.fr/pub/perl/CPAN/>
<http://mirror.ibcp.fr/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.oleane.net/pub/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.mirrors.ovh.net/ftp.cpan.org/>
<ftp://cpan.mirrors.ovh.net/ftp.cpan.org/>
<http://cpan.enstimac.fr/>

Germany

<http://mirror.23media.de/cpan/>
<ftp://mirror.23media.de/cpan/>
<http://artfiles.org/cpan.org/>
<ftp://artfiles.org/cpan.org/>
<http://mirror.bibleonline.ru/cpan/>
<http://mirror.checkdomain.de/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.checkdomain.de/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.noris.de/>
<http://mirror.de.leaseweb.net/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.de.leaseweb.net/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.mirror.euserv.net/>
<ftp://mirror.euserv.net/cpan/>
<http://ftp-stud.hs-esslingen.de/pub/Mirrors/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.fraunhofer.de/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.freenet.de/pub/ftp.cpan.org/pub/CPAN/>
<http://ftp.hosteurope.de/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.hosteurope.de/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.fu-berlin.de/unix/languages/perl/>
<http://ftp.gwdg.de/pub/languages/perl/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.gwdg.de/pub/languages/perl/CPAN/>
<http://ftp.hawo.stw.uni-erlangen.de/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.hawo.stw.uni-erlangen.de/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.mirror.iphh.net/>
<ftp://cpan.mirror.iphh.net/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.mpi-inf.mpg.de/pub/perl/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.netbet.org/>
<http://mirror.netcologne.de/cpan/>
<ftp://mirror.netcologne.de/cpan/>
<ftp://mirror.petamem.com/CPAN/>
<http://www.planet-elektronik.de/CPAN/>
<http://ftp.halifax.rwth-aachen.de/cpan/>
<ftp://ftp.halifax.rwth-aachen.de/cpan/>
<http://mirror.softaculous.com/cpan/>
<http://ftp.u-tx.net/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.u-tx.net/CPAN/>

<http://mirror.reismil.ch/CPAN/>

Greece

<http://cpan.cc.uoc.gr/mirrors/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.cc.uoc.gr/mirrors/CPAN/>
<http://ftp.ntua.gr/pub/lang/perl/>
<ftp://ftp.ntua.gr/pub/lang/perl/>

Hungary

<http://mirror.met.hu/CPAN/>

Ireland

<http://ftp.heanet.ie/mirrors/ftp.perl.org/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.heanet.ie/mirrors/ftp.perl.org/pub/CPAN/>

Italy

<http://bo.mirror.garr.it/mirrors/CPAN/>
ftp://ftp.eutelia.it/CPAN_Mirror/
<http://cpan.panu.it/>
<ftp://ftp.panu.it/pub/mirrors/perl/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.muzzy.it/>

Latvia

<http://kvin.lv/pub/CPAN/>

Lithuania

<http://ftp.litnet.lt/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.litnet.lt/pub/CPAN/>

Moldova

<http://mirror.as43289.net/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.as43289.net/pub/CPAN/>

Netherlands

<http://cpan.cs.uu.nl/>
<ftp://ftp.cs.uu.nl/pub/CPAN/>
<http://mirror.nl.leaseweb.net/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.nl.leaseweb.net/CPAN/>
<http://ftp.nluug.nl/languages/perl/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.nluug.nl/pub/languages/perl/CPAN/>
<http://mirror.transip.net/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.transip.net/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.mirror.triple-it.nl/>
<http://ftp.tudelft.nl/cpan/>
<ftp://ftp.tudelft.nl/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://download.xs4all.nl/pub/mirror/CPAN/>

Norway

<http://cpan.uib.no/>
<ftp://cpan.uib.no/pub/CPAN/>

<ftp://ftp.uninett.no/pub/languages/perl/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.vianett.no/>

Poland

<http://ftp.agh.edu.pl/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.agh.edu.pl/CPAN/>
<http://ftp.piotrkosoft.net/pub/mirrors/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.piotrkosoft.net/pub/mirrors/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.ps.pl/pub/CPAN/>
<http://sunsite.icm.edu.pl/pub/CPAN/>
<ftp://sunsite.icm.edu.pl/pub/CPAN/>

Portugal

<http://cpan.dcc.fc.up.pt/>
<http://mirrors.fe.up.pt/pub/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.perl-hackers.net/>
<http://cpan.perl.pt/>

Romania

<http://mirrors.hostingromania.ro/cpan.org/>
<ftp://ftp.lug.ro/CPAN/>
<http://mirrors.m247.ro/CPAN/>
<http://mirrors.evowise.com/CPAN/>
<http://mirrors.teentelecom.net/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirrors.teentelecom.net/CPAN/>
<http://mirrors.xservers.ro/CPAN/>

Russian Federation

<ftp://ftp.aha.ru/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.rinet.ru/>
<ftp://cpan.rinet.ru/pub/mirror/CPAN/>
<http://cpan-mirror.rbc.ru/pub/CPAN/>
<http://mirror.rol.ru/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.uni-altai.ru/>
<http://cpan.webdesk.ru/>
<ftp://cpan.webdesk.ru/cpan/>
<http://mirror.yandex.ru/mirrors/cpan/>
<ftp://mirror.yandex.ru/mirrors/cpan/>

Serbia

<http://mirror.sbb.rs/CPAN/>
<ftp://mirror.sbb.rs/CPAN/>

Slovakia

<http://cpan.lnx.sk/>
<http://tux.rainside.sk/CPAN/>
<ftp://tux.rainside.sk/CPAN/>

Slovenia

<http://ftp.arnes.si/software/perl/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.arnes.si/software/perl/CPAN/>

Spain

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http://mirrors.evowise.com/CPAN/  
http://osl.ugr.es/CPAN/  
http://ftp.rediris.es/mirror/CPAN/  
ftp://ftp.rediris.es/mirror/CPAN/
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Sweden

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http://ftp.acc.umu.se/mirror/CPAN/  
ftp://ftp.acc.umu.se/mirror/CPAN/
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Switzerland

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http://www.pirbot.com/mirrors/cpan/  
http://mirror.switch.ch/ftp/mirror/CPAN/  
ftp://mirror.switch.ch/mirror/CPAN/
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Ukraine

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http://cpan.ip-connect.vn.ua/  
ftp://cpan.ip-connect.vn.ua/mirror/cpan/
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United Kingdom

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http://cpan.mirror.anlx.net/  
ftp://ftp.mirror.anlx.net/CPAN/  
http://mirror.bytemark.co.uk/CPAN/  
ftp://mirror.bytemark.co.uk/CPAN/  
http://mirrors.coreix.net/CPAN/  
http://cpan.etla.org/  
ftp://cpan.etla.org/pub/CPAN/  
http://cpan.cpantesters.org/  
http://mirror.sax.uk.as61049.net/CPAN/  
http://mirror.sov.uk.goscomb.net/CPAN/  
http://www.mirror-service.org/sites/cpan.perl.org/CPAN/  
ftp://ftp.mirror-service.org/sites/cpan.perl.org/CPAN/  
http://mirror.ox.ac.uk/sites/www.cpan.org/  
ftp://mirror.ox.ac.uk/sites/www.cpan.org/  
http://ftp.ticklers.org/pub/CPAN/  
ftp://ftp.ticklers.org/pub/CPAN/  
http://cpan.mirrors.uk2.net/  
ftp://mirrors.uk2.net/pub/CPAN/  
http://mirror.ukhost4u.com/CPAN/
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North America**Canada**

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http://CPAN.mirror.rafal.ca/  
ftp://CPAN.mirror.rafal.ca/pub/CPAN/  
http://mirror.csclub.uwaterloo.ca/CPAN/  
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Mexico

<http://www.msg.com.mx/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.msg.com.mx/pub/CPAN/>

United States

Alabama

<http://mirror.teklinks.com/CPAN/>

Arizona

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<http://mirrors.namecheap.com/CPAN/>
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California

<http://cpan.developer.com/>
<http://httpupdate127.cpanel.net/CPAN/>
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<http://www.perl.com/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.yimg.com/>

Idaho

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Illinois

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<http://mirror.team-cymru.org/CPAN/>
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Indiana

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<ftp://cpan.netnitco.net/pub/mirrors/CPAN/>
<ftp://ftp.uwsg.iu.edu/pub/perl/CPAN/>

Kansas

<http://mirrors.concertpass.com/cpan/>

Massachusetts

<http://mirrors.ccs.neu.edu/CPAN/>

Michigan

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<http://ftp.wayne.edu/CPAN/>

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New Hampshire

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New Jersey

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North Carolina

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Oregon

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Pennsylvania

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South Carolina

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Texas

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Utah

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Virginia

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Washington

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Wisconsin

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Oceania

Australia

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New Caledonia

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New Zealand

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<ftp://cpan.catalyst.net.nz/pub/CPAN/>
<http://cpan.inspire.net.nz/>
<ftp://cpan.inspire.net.nz/cpan/>
<http://mirror.webtastix.net/CPAN/>
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South America

Argentina

<http://cpan.mmgdesigns.com.ar/>

Brazil

<http://cpan.kinghost.net/>
<http://linorg.usp.br/CPAN/>
<http://mirror.nbtelecom.com.br/CPAN/>

Chile

<http://cpan.dcc.uchile.cl/>
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For an up-to-date listing of CPAN sites, see <http://www.cpan.org/SITES> or <ftp://www.cpan.org/SITES>.

Modules: Creation, Use, and Abuse

(The following section is borrowed directly from Tim Bunce's modules file, available at your nearest CPAN site.)

Perl implements a class using a package, but the presence of a package doesn't imply the presence of a class. A package is just a namespace. A class is a package that provides subroutines that can be used as methods. A method is just a subroutine that expects, as its first argument, either the name of a package (for "static" methods), or a reference to something (for "virtual" methods).

A module is a file that (by convention) provides a class of the same name (sans the .pm), plus an import method in that class that can be called to fetch exported symbols. This module may implement some of its methods by loading dynamic C or C++ objects, but that should be totally transparent to the user of the module. Likewise, the module might set up an AUTOLOAD function to slurp in subroutine definitions on demand, but this is also transparent. Only the .pm file is required to exist. See *perlsub*, *perlobj*, and *AutoLoader* for details about the AUTOLOAD mechanism.

Guidelines for Module Creation

- Do similar modules already exist in some form?

If so, please try to reuse the existing modules either in whole or by inheriting useful features into a new class. If this is not practical try to get together with the module authors to work on extending or enhancing the functionality of the existing modules. A perfect example is the plethora of packages in perl4 for dealing with command line options.

If you are writing a module to expand an already existing set of modules, please coordinate with the author of the package. It helps if you follow the same naming scheme and module interaction scheme as the original author.

- Try to design the new module to be easy to extend and reuse.

Try to use `warnings;` (or use `warnings qw(...);`). Remember that you can add `no warnings qw(...);` to individual blocks of code that need less warnings.

Use blessed references. Use the two argument form of `bless` to bless into the class name given as the first parameter of the constructor, e.g.,:

```
sub new {
    my $class = shift;
    return bless {}, $class;
}
```

or even this if you'd like it to be used as either a static or a virtual method.

```
sub new {
    my $self = shift;
    my $class = ref($self) || $self;
    return bless {}, $class;
}
```

Pass arrays as references so more parameters can be added later (it's also faster). Convert functions into methods where appropriate. Split large methods into smaller more flexible ones. Inherit methods from other modules if appropriate.

Avoid class name tests like: `die "Invalid" unless ref $ref eq 'FOO'`. Generally you can delete the `eq 'FOO'` part with no harm at all. Let the objects look after themselves! Generally, avoid hard-wired class names as far as possible.

Avoid `$r->Class::func()` where using `@ISA=qw(... Class ...)` and `$r->func()` would work.

Use `autosplit` so little used or newly added functions won't be a burden to programs that don't use them. Add test functions to the module after `__END__` either using `AutoSplit` or by saying:

```
eval join(' ', <main::DATA>) || die $@ unless caller();
```

Does your module pass the 'empty subclass' test? If you say `@SUBCLASS::ISA = qw(YOURCLASS);` your applications should be able to use `SUBCLASS` in exactly the same way as `YOURCLASS`. For example, does your application still work if you change: `$obj = YOURCLASS->new();` into: `$obj = SUBCLASS->new();` ?

Avoid keeping any state information in your packages. It makes it difficult for multiple other packages to use yours. Keep state information in objects.

Always use **-w**.

Try to use `strict;` (or use `strict qw(...);`). Remember that you can add `no strict qw(...);` to individual blocks of code that need less strictness.

Always use **-w**.

Follow the guidelines in *perlstyle*.

Always use **-w**.

- Some simple style guidelines

The *perlstyle* manual supplied with Perl has many helpful points.

Coding style is a matter of personal taste. Many people evolve their style over several years as they learn what helps them write and maintain good code. Here's one set of assorted suggestions that seem to be widely used by experienced developers:

Use underscores to separate words. It is generally easier to read `$var_names_like_this` than `$VarNamesLikeThis`, especially for non-native speakers of English. It's also a simple rule that works consistently with `VAR_NAMES_LIKE_THIS`.

Package/Module names are an exception to this rule. Perl informally reserves lowercase module names for 'pragma' modules like `integer` and `strict`. Other modules normally begin with a capital letter and use mixed case with no underscores (need to be short and portable).

You may find it helpful to use letter case to indicate the scope or nature of a variable. For example:

```
$ALL_CAPS_HERE    constants only (beware clashes with Perl vars)
$Some_Caps_Here  package-wide global/static
$no_caps_here     function scope my() or local() variables
```

Function and method names seem to work best as all lowercase. e.g., `$obj->as_string()`.

You can use a leading underscore to indicate that a variable or function should not be used outside the package that defined it.

- Select what to export.

Do NOT export method names!

Do NOT export anything else by default without a good reason!

Exports pollute the namespace of the module user. If you must export try to use `@EXPORT_OK` in preference to `@EXPORT` and avoid short or common names to reduce the risk of name clashes.

Generally anything not exported is still accessible from outside the module using the `ModuleName::item_name` (or `$blessed_ref->method`) syntax. By convention you can use a leading underscore on names to indicate informally that they are 'internal' and not for public use.

(It is actually possible to get private functions by saying: `my $subref = sub { ... }; &$subref;` But there's no way to call that directly as a method, because a method must have a name in the symbol table.)

As a general rule, if the module is trying to be object oriented then export nothing. If it's just a collection of functions then `@EXPORT_OK` anything but use `@EXPORT` with caution.

- Select a name for the module.

This name should be as descriptive, accurate, and complete as possible. Avoid any risk of ambiguity. Always try to use two or more whole words. Generally the name should reflect what is special about what the module does rather than how it does it. Please use nested module names to group informally or categorize a module. There should be a very good reason for a module not to have a nested name. Module names should begin with a capital letter.

Having 57 modules all called `Sort` will not make life easy for anyone (though having 23 called

Sort::Quick is only marginally better :-). Imagine someone trying to install your module alongside many others.

If you are developing a suite of related modules/classes it's good practice to use nested classes with a common prefix as this will avoid namespace clashes. For example: Xyz::Control, Xyz::View, Xyz::Model etc. Use the modules in this list as a naming guide.

If adding a new module to a set, follow the original author's standards for naming modules and the interface to methods in those modules.

If developing modules for private internal or project specific use, that will never be released to the public, then you should ensure that their names will not clash with any future public module. You can do this either by using the reserved Local::* category or by using a category name that includes an underscore like Foo_Corp::*.

To be portable each component of a module name should be limited to 11 characters. If it might be used on MS-DOS then try to ensure each is unique in the first 8 characters. Nested modules make this easier.

For additional guidance on the naming of modules, please consult:

http://pause.perl.org/pause/query?ACTION=pause_namingmodules

or send mail to the <module-authors@perl.org> mailing list.

- Have you got it right?

How do you know that you've made the right decisions? Have you picked an interface design that will cause problems later? Have you picked the most appropriate name? Do you have any questions?

The best way to know for sure, and pick up many helpful suggestions, is to ask someone who knows. The <module-authors@perl.org> mailing list is useful for this purpose; it's also accessible via news interface as perl.module-authors at nntp.perl.org.

All you need to do is post a short summary of the module, its purpose and interfaces. A few lines on each of the main methods is probably enough. (If you post the whole module it might be ignored by busy people - generally the very people you want to read it!)

Don't worry about posting if you can't say when the module will be ready - just say so in the message. It might be worth inviting others to help you, they may be able to complete it for you!

- README and other Additional Files.

It's well known that software developers usually fully document the software they write. If, however, the world is in urgent need of your software and there is not enough time to write the full documentation please at least provide a README file containing:

- A description of the module/package/extension etc.
- A copyright notice - see below.
- Prerequisites - what else you may need to have.
- How to build it - possible changes to Makefile.PL etc.
- How to install it.
- Recent changes in this release, especially incompatibilities
- Changes / enhancements you plan to make in the future.

If the README file seems to be getting too large you may wish to split out some of the sections into separate files: INSTALL, Copying, ToDo etc.

- Adding a Copyright Notice.

How you choose to license your work is a personal decision. The general mechanism

is to assert your Copyright and then make a declaration of how others may copy/use/modify your work.

Perl, for example, is supplied with two types of licence: The GNU GPL and The Artistic Licence (see the files README, Copying, and Artistic, or *perlgpl* and *perlartistic*). Larry has good reasons for NOT just using the GNU GPL.

My personal recommendation, out of respect for Larry, Perl, and the Perl community at large is to state something simply like:

```
Copyright (c) 1995 Your Name. All rights reserved.  
This program is free software; you can redistribute it and/or  
modify it under the same terms as Perl itself.
```

This statement should at least appear in the README file. You may also wish to include it in a Copying file and your source files. Remember to include the other words in addition to the Copyright.

- Give the module a version/issue/release number.
To be fully compatible with the Exporter and MakeMaker modules you should store your module's version number in a non-my package variable called \$VERSION. This should be a positive floating point number with at least two digits after the decimal (i.e., hundredths, e.g, \$VERSION = "0.01"). Don't use a "1.3.2" style version. See *Exporter* for details.
It may be handy to add a function or method to retrieve the number. Use the number in announcements and archive file names when releasing the module (ModuleName-1.02.tar.Z). See perldoc ExtUtils::MakeMaker.pm for details.
- How to release and distribute a module.
If possible, register the module with CPAN. Follow the instructions and links on:

```
http://www.cpan.org/modules/04pause.html
```


and upload to:

```
http://pause.perl.org/
```


and notify <modules@perl.org>. This will allow anyone to install your module using the `cpan` tool distributed with Perl.
By using the WWW interface you can ask the Upload Server to mirror your modules from your ftp or WWW site into your own directory on CPAN!
- Take care when changing a released module.
Always strive to remain compatible with previous released versions. Otherwise try to add a mechanism to revert to the old behavior if people rely on it. Document incompatible changes.

Guidelines for Converting Perl 4 Library Scripts into Modules

- There is no requirement to convert anything.
If it ain't broke, don't fix it! Perl 4 library scripts should continue to work with no problems. You may need to make some minor changes (like escaping non-array @'s in double quoted strings) but there is no need to convert a .pl file into a Module for just that.
- Consider the implications.
All Perl applications that make use of the script will need to be changed (slightly) if the script is converted into a module. Is it worth it unless you plan to make other changes at the same time?

- Make the most of the opportunity.
If you are going to convert the script to a module you can use the opportunity to redesign the interface. The guidelines for module creation above include many of the issues you should consider.
- The pl2pm utility will get you started.
This utility will read *.pl files (given as parameters) and write corresponding *.pm files. The pl2pm utilities does the following:
 - Adds the standard Module prologue lines
 - Converts package specifiers from ' to ::
 - Converts die(...) to croak(...)
 - Several other minor changes

Being a mechanical process pl2pm is not bullet proof. The converted code will need careful checking, especially any package statements. Don't delete the original .pl file till the new .pm one works!

Guidelines for Reusing Application Code

- Complete applications rarely belong in the Perl Module Library.
- Many applications contain some Perl code that could be reused.
Help save the world! Share your code in a form that makes it easy to reuse.
- Break-out the reusable code into one or more separate module files.
- Take the opportunity to reconsider and redesign the interfaces.
- In some cases the 'application' can then be reduced to a small fragment of code built on top of the reusable modules. In these cases the application could invoked as:

```
% perl -e 'use Module::Name; method(@ARGV)' ...  
or  
% perl -mModule::Name ... (in perl5.002 or higher)
```

NOTE

Perl does not enforce private and public parts of its modules as you may have been used to in other languages like C++, Ada, or Modula-17. Perl doesn't have an infatuation with enforced privacy. It would prefer that you stayed out of its living room because you weren't invited, not because it has a shotgun.

The module and its user have a contract, part of which is common law, and part of which is "written". Part of the common law contract is that a module doesn't pollute any namespace it wasn't asked to. The written contract for the module (A.K.A. documentation) may make other provisions. But then you know when you use `RedefineTheWorld` that you're redefining the world and willing to take the consequences.