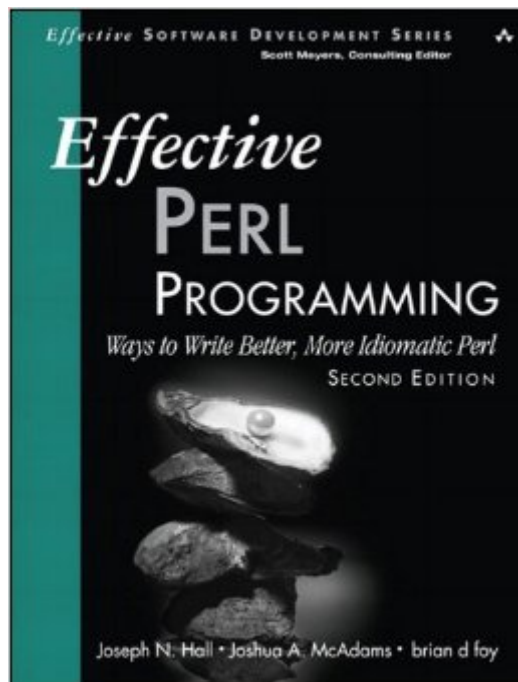# Effective Perl Programming: Ways To Write Better, More Idiomatic Perl (Effective Software Development Series)

# Synopsis

The Classic Guide to Solving Real-World Problems with Perlâ"Now Fully Updated for Todayâ"™s Best Idioms!  Â  For years, experienced programmers have relied on  Effective Perl Programming to discover better ways to solve problems with perl. Now, in this long-awaited second edition, three renowned Perl programmers bring together todayâ"™s best idioms, techniques, and examples: everything you need to write more powerful, fluent, expressive, and succinct code with Perl. Â Nearly twice the size of the first edition,  Effective Perl Programming, Second Edition,  offers everything from rules of thumb to avoid common pitfalls to the latest wisdom for using Perl modules. You wonâ"™t just learn the right ways to use Perl: Youâ"™ll learn why these approaches work so well. Â  New coverage in this edition includes  Reorganized and expanded material spanning twelve years of Perl evolution Eight new chapters on CPAN, databases, distributions, files and filehandles, production Perl, testing, Unicode, and warnings Updates for Perl 5.12, the latest version of Perl Systematically updated examples reflecting todayâ"™s best idioms  Youâ"™ll learn how to work with strings, numbers, lists, arrays, strictures, namespaces, regular expressions, subroutines, references, distributions, inline code, warnings, Perl::Tidy, data munging, Perl one-liners, and a whole lot more. Every technique is organized in the same Items format that helped make the first edition so convenient and popular.

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Effective Perl Programming packs a lot of useful information into a slim and manageable volume. There is no "filler" material in the book, which assumes you are already familiar with Perl. I have developed Perl software for more than fifteen years, and here are the aspects of Effective Perl Programming which struck me particularly:The book doesn't cover what has already been covered elsewhere, so the material is all fresh and the space is used to investigate topics in reasonable detail.The focus on idiomatic Perl - the authors say: "Although Perl's motto may be "There's More Than One Way To Do It," the corollary is, "But Most of Them Are Wrong," or "Some Ways Are Better Than Others."" The book illustrates how to write idiomatic Perl from the choice of language construct through to testing code and using CPAN (the Comprehensive Perl Archive) effectively.The authors demonstrate a deep understanding of Perl, and have clearly honed their examples and explanations. Well explained areas include: list vs. array, context, local vs. my, Unicode and utf8 handling, and which language constructs are appropriate where. Their experience with Perl in the real world shows in the explanations.The writing and examples are clear and concise. The book's web site has an errata section which is kept up to date so I could mark up the known errors.Effective Perl Programming revealed some of the features of recent Perl and new modules which I hadn't noticed or had time to internalize. Sometimes it is time to unlearn old habits and get up to date!The authors have clearly carefully selected which material to cover, and covered it well.

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