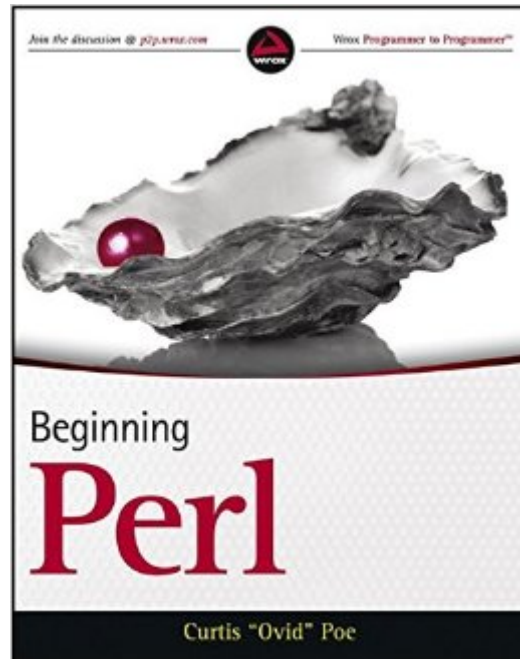


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Preface I have been dabbling in Perl on and off since about 1993. For a decade or so, it was mostly "off", and then I took a position programming Perl full time about a year ago. We currently use perl 5.8.9, and I spend part of my time teaching Perl to old school mainframe COBOL programmers. Dare I say, I am the target market for this book? Chapter 1 The author takes the time, to explain that you should ever use `PERL`, since it's not an acronym. I find it funny that the section headings utilize an "all caps" font, so the author does end up using `PERL`. That's not even a quibble, I just

chuckle at such things. The author covers the perlbrew utility. Fantastic! What about all of us schmucks that are stuck with Windows at work, or elsewhere? Throw us a bone!! Ok, I don't think there is a bone to throw us, but the author does a great job of covering the options for Windows. He covers the community! Amazing! Wonderful! Of all things a beginner should know, this is one of them, and it's great that the author has taken some time to describe what's out there. One other note are the...notes. I love the fact that the author has left little breadcrumbs in the book (each starts with "NOTE" in a grey box), warning you about things that could ultimately hurt you. Case in point, the warning on page 13 regarding the old OO docs that came with 5.8 and 5.10. Wonderful. Chapter 2 An entire chapter on CPAN? Yes!!! CPAN is a great resource, and part of what makes Perl so great. The author even has some advice regarding how to evaluate a module. Odd, though, there is no mention of the wonderful <http://metacpan.org> site. That is quickly becoming the favorite of a lot of people.

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