

Powerful, stable, mature, portable

[Perl](#) 5 is a highly capable, feature-rich programming language with over 29 years of development. Perl 5 runs on over 100 platforms from portables to mainframes and is suitable for both rapid prototyping and large scale development projects.

"Perl" is a family of languages, "Perl 6" is part of the family, but it is a separate language which has its own development team. Its existence has no significant impact on the continuing development of "Perl 5". [from perl website](#)

Getting started :

-After installing perl , you can start writing codes; let we write a simple programme;(this tutorial is for linux users)

create a text file and name it "programme.pl" ; the < .pl > is very important;
write in the text file :

```
print " Welcome to my programme! \n";
```

Do not miss the < ; > at the end.

\n mean new line.

Now open a terminal in the text file directory or use the command < cd > to navigate to it , then run the command :

```
perl programme.pl
```

The message is appeared , it's work !

-Now ,using the 'say' feature we will try to do some maths additions, it's simple just write on your code;

```
use feature 'say';
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say "5 + 4 = ", 5 + 4 ;
```