



# Short Perl tutorial

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# About Perl: Practical Extraction and Report Language

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**1987**

**Larry Wall Develops PERL**

PERL is not officially a *Programming Language* per se.

**1989**

**October 18** Perl 3.0 is released under the GNU Protection License

Wall's original intent was to develop a scripting language more powerful than Unix Shell Scripting, but not as tedious as C.

**1991**

**March 21** Perl 4.0 is released under the GPL and the new Perl Artistic License

PERL is an interpreted language. That means that there is no explicitly separate compilation step.

**Now**

**Perl 6**

Rather, the processor reads the whole file, converts it to an internal form and executes it immediately.

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Can you say  
Cryptic?