

Perl Socket question

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I am having a problem with what I thought was a simple topic – take the following line of code:

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while (defined ($line = <$handle>))
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I have written a simple client using the above code – does this code block until it gets a carriage return from the server end? My client seems to pause a long time (a few seconds) when receiving data. I have connected to the server port directly using telnet and the data sent by the server is sent back to the client (telnet client) much faster than it is to my program.

Any suggestions?

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