

Re: references to OTHER objects

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"daniel kaplan" <nospam@nospam.com> wrote in
news:1099933102.679748@nntp.acecape.com:

> "A. Sinan Unur" <Iusa@llenroc.ude.invalid> wrote in message
> news:Xns959B77A11C39Easu1cornelledu@132.236.56.8...
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>> Which you have been pointed to many times before.
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> hey sinan,
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> of course i have gone through them, and they don't all instantly
> settle in my head, so a better form searching would be helpful,

Feel free to write one.

The fact that no one has bothered too much to try and write a super duper
perldoc search engine is because everyone has a 'best' way of searching
for the documentation.

> especially if i could search on "object" and "reference"
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> anyway, please read the post i JUST made regarding this

In the mean time, I will remind you once again, that nice, HTML formatted
documentation is accessible through the ActiveState Perl program group in
the Windows start menu. While not searchable, it does allow you to view
the table of contents and jump back and forth between topics.

I don't know how many times I mentioned this.

I fully expect you to be running 640x480 and 16 colors so, please, before
you come back and say the standard docs are not visible, I'll recommend
scrolling down a little in the TOC frame to the section titled "Perl Core
Documentation". Horror of horrors, if you used a browser such as Firefox,
you could easily have a whole bunch of those documents open all at the
same time, and even bookmark them so that you could recreate your
documentation workspace at the click of a button later.

You might have noticed I am no longer replying to you but just reveling in the joy of Firefox. Of course, I still occasionally use the command line but that is becoming rarer and rarer since Firefox has one of the nicest "find on the page as you type" features.

See, I have never been too comfortable with the command line grep utility 'cause I have a bad memory and by the time I have figured out the right options ... well, it's too late.

On the other hand, say if I find out I need to remember what I need to redefine a built-in, I open the perlfaq7 HTML page in Firefox (it's just a CTRL-click from the TOC), then do CTRL-F and start typing b u i ... by the time I have typed the 'i' the focus has been moved to

How do I redefine a builtin function, operator, or method?

and I can press enter to view the answer.

I could go on and on but I am going to stop here. The point is, all the documentation is under the tip of your fingers. If you do not like one method of searching the documentation, there are many others. Heck, you could even use Start -> Search -> Find Files containing text which is a primitive grep.

But above it all, you should have read the table of contents and the FAQ at least once by now. That way, you would have known roughly where to look and thus would have had a better chance of actually locating the documentation.

Insisting that other people read the docs for you ain't gonna go over well.

Back to Firefox for me ...

Sinan.