

date --date : the perl way

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I need to get the past 5(x) months for certaing calculations. What I have is listed below:

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#####  
my $year, $month_str, $month_int;  
  
foreach my $count (1..5) {  
    $year = `date --date '$count months ago' +"%Y"`;  
    chop($year);  
    $month_str = `date --date '$count months ago' +"%b"`;  
    chop($month_str);  
    $month_int = `date --date '$count months ago' +"%m"`;  
    chop($month_int);  
    print "\n $year:$month_str:$month_int";  
  
}  
#####
```

This works as expected, the problem is I am using a shell command and I would like to move away from it. Is the perl module that is able to take parameters juat like the 'date' command?

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