

## Re: Python versus Perl ?

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Reinhold Birkenfeld wrote:

> *surfunbear@yahoo.com* wrote:

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>> *I've read some posts on Perl versus Python and studied a bit of my*

>> *Python book.*

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>> *I'm a software engineer, familiar with C++ objected oriented*

>> *development, but have been using Perl because it is great for pattern*

>> *matching, text processing, and automated testing. Our company is really*

>> *fixated on risk managment and the only way I can do enough testing*

>> *without working overtime (which some people have ended up doing) is by*

>> *automating my testing. That's what got me started on Perl.*

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>> *I've read that many people prefer Python and that it is better than*

>> *Perl. However, I want to ask a few other questions.*

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> *"Better than Perl" is a very general statement. In my personal opinion,*

> *this is true for every project being larger than one file of ~200 LOC.*

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>> *I. Perl seems to have alot of packaged utilities available through*

>> *CPAN, the comprehensive perl network. These can aid in building*

>> *parsers, web development, perl DBI is heavily used. This seems to be a*

>> *very important benifit. I'm not sure that Python is as extenive at all*

>> *in that regard ?*

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> *There are the Python Package Index (PyPI), the Vaults of Parnassus, and*

> *when you don't find a needed package there, just come and ask here;*

> *almost always a decent solution is found.*

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> *A thing similar to CPAN is being worked on by various people, though I*

> *don't know when it will become mature.*

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>> *Perl also has excellent pattern matching compared to*