Robbie's Little Helpers

Things I Find Useful

File::Slurp

```perl
open(FILE, "<mydata.txt") or die $!;
while (<FILE>) {
    $data .= $_;
}
close FILE;
```

Becomes:

```perl
$data = read_file("mydata.txt");
```

File::Slurp

```
opendir(DIR, $dir);
my @files = grep { !~ /\A\. \.?\z/ } readdir
(DIR);
```

becomes

```
my @files = read_dir($dir);
```

Exporter::Easy

```
require Exporter;
use base qw( Exporter );
use vars qw( @EXPORT );
@EXPORT = ( 'init' );
```

becomes

```
use Exporter::Easy ( EXPORT => [ 'init' ] );
```

Config::Auto

```perl
$config = Config::Auto::parse(
           "myprogram.conf",
           format => "colon");

$config = Config::Auto::parse(
           "myprogram.conf",
           format => "perl");

$config = Config::Auto::parse(
           "myprogram.ini",
           format => "ini");
```

Class::Accessor::Fast

```perl
package Pet;
use base qw(Class::Accessor::Fast);
Pet->mk_accessors(qw(name age size));

# somewhere else

$pet = Pet->new();
$pet->age(2);

$pet->age(); # returns 2
```

perl -s -w -i -p -e

Great for dirty, irreversible inline search and replaces

```
find . -type f | xargs perl -s -w -i -p -e "s/foo/bar/gs"
```

No need to know sed, awk &c.

rsnapshot

- For times when your inline search and replace goes wrong
- Wraps around rsync to give you incremental, rotated backups