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# How do I find out what perl modules already installed on my system?

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Q. Quick question - What command I need to use to list all installed perl modules on my Linux / UNIX system?



A. You need to use instmodsh (interactive inventory for installed Perl modules) command to find out what modules already installed on my system.

instmodsh command provides an interactive shell type interface to query details of locally installed Perl modules. It is a little interface to ExtUtils::Installed to examine locally\* installed modules, validate your packlists and even create a tarball from an installed module.

# Task: List installed perl module

To display the list enter the following command:

```
$ instmodsh
```

#### Output:

```
Available commands are:

1 - List all installed modules

m - Select a module

q - Quit the program

cmd?
```

At cmd? prompt type I to list all installed modules:

```
cmd? 1
```

## Output:

```
Installed modules are:
Archive::Tar
Class::Spiffy
Compress::Zlib
Digest::SHA
IO::Zlib
MIME::Lite
Module::Build
Module::Signature
Net::Telnet
PAR::Dist
Perl
Spiffy
Term::ReadLine
Test::Base
Test::Simple
Text::Glob
Weather::Com
XML::Simple
YAML
cmd?
```

This command itself is a perl script that use ExtUtils::Installed module. Try following command to see its source code:

\$ vi \$(which instmodsh)

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