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## Howto find out perl version

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**Q.** How do I find out Perl version by running a cgi script from a webbrowser? How do I find out perl version from a command prompt under Windows or Linux / UNIX operating systems?

**A.** Perl is acronym for Practical Extraction and Report Language. It is a general-purpose programming language invented in 1987 by Larry Wall. Originally developed for text manipulation. Perl has become extremely popular and is now used for a wide range of tasks, including web development and interface design.



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## Find perl version from a shell prompt

If you have access to a shell prompt (UNIX/Linux) type following command to find out perl version:

```
$ perl -v
```

You can also type above command under Windows / Mac OS X by opening terminal.

## Find perl version using a cgi script

If your web hosting server provider don't provide access to a shell, use following perl program to find out perl version:

**Short version that avoid starting a new process (see below in comments):**

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
$command= $1;
$title = "Perl Version";

print [2] "Content-type: text/html\n\n";
print [2] "<html><head><title>$title</title></head><body>";

print [2] "
<h1>$title</h1>

\n";
print [2] "Perl version : ".$command;
```

**source code - [version.pl \(download link\)](#) [3]**

The following code provides a little bit more information:

```
#!/usr/bin/perl
$command=`perl -v`;
$title = "Perl Version";

print [2] "Content-type: text/html\n\n";
print [2] "<html><head><title>$title</title></head><body>";

print [2] "
<h1>$title</h1>

\n";
print [2] $command;

print [2] "</body></html>";
```

Upload script to your cgi-bin directory and execute script by typing url <http://mydomain.com/cgi-bin/version.pl>

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