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FreeBSD install Perl language

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Q. I need Perl programming language to run scripts. How do I install perl on FreeBSD operating system?

A. Practical Extraction and Report Language or Perl can be installed using FreeBSD ports or binary package system. Perl is a language optimized for scanning arbitrary text files, extracting information from those text files, and printing reports based on that information. It's also a good language for many system management tasks. The language is intended to be practical (easy to use, efficient, complete) rather than beautiful (tiny, elegant, minimal). [1]



Install perl using FreeBSD ports

Perl5 port is located at `/usr/ports/lang/perl5.8`. Type the command as follows to install Perl5:

```
# cd /usr/ports/lang/perl5.8
# make;make install;make clean
```

Now perl will be installed and binary path to perl is `/usr/local/bin/perl`.

Install perl using FreeBSD pkg_add command

Just type the following command:

```
# pkg_add -v -r perl
```

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