

THE PERL REVIEW

NEW MODULES

■ App::sh2p -----

module by Clive Darke, CLIVE@cpan.org

This application provides a shell to Perl script converter, although you shouldn't get too excited too soon: it does its best to make the conversion but might leave some it up to you.

```
sh2pl.pl script.sh > script.pl
```

If you have to convert shell scripts, this can take some of the tedium out of the process.

■ VideoLAN::Client -----

module by Cyrille Hombecq, ELLIRYC@cpan.org

You can launch VLC (<http://www.videolan.org/vlc/>) and control it from Perl. Once you enable the telnet interface, you can connect to it with VideoLan::Client. Once connected, you can issue commands to it. The help command returns a list of things that you can do:

```
use VideoLan::Client;
my $vlc = VideoLan::Client->new(
    HOST => 'localhost',
    PORT => 4212,
);

if( eval { $vlc->login } )
{
    print $vlc->cmd( "help" );

    $vlc->logout;
}
else
{
    die "Couldn't log in!\n";
}
```

■ Iterator::Diamond -----

module by Johan Vromans, JV@cpan.org

The Iterator::Diamond module is a replacement for the diamond operator, <>, but it doesn't use any magic to process the file names. It stills reads from all of the files you specify on the command line, sets \$ARGV, and can handle in-place editing. Instead of using a bare <>, get the iterator from the module and use that in the line-input operator:

```
use Iterator::Diamond;

$input = Iterator::Diamond->new;

while ( <$input> ) {
    print "$ARGV: $_";
}
```

■ Sub::Delete -----

module by Father Chrysostomos, SPROUT@cpan.org

If you undefine a subroutine, you don't really delete it. It's still there, messing up things like AUTOLOAD. If you really want to get rid of a subroutine, use Sub::Delete to do it. Once you delete the subroutine, you can't reference it anymore. Compiled code is just fine though:

```
use Sub::Delete;
sub hello { print "Hello World\n" }
delete_sub 'hello';
```

```
#just fine, already compiled
hello();
```

```
#not fine, can't compile any more
eval 'hello();1' or die;
```

■ App::CCSV -----

module by Karlheinz Zöchling, GARGAMEL@cpan.org

Work with comma-separated value files with this Perl application. It works with perl's -a switch, but is smarter about the CSV format. Instead of looking in @F for the autosplit values, look in @f:

```
% perl -MApp::CCSV -ne 'print @f' < f.csv
```

You can even change the CSV by specify different sets of options for the input and output. Use the cprint subroutine to print an array as CSV:

```
% perl -MApp::CCSV=in,out -ne 'cprint @f' <
f.csv
```

■ Scalar::Util::Refcount -----

module by Jeremy Nixon, JNIXON@cpan.org

You're not supposed to have to care about the reference count of a reference, but if you can't help peeking, the Scalar::Util::Refcount module just gives it to you. You don't have to play with the output from Devel::Peek anymore:

```
use Scalar::Util::Refcount;
use 5.010;
```

```
my $ua = LWP::UserAgent->new;
say refcount($ua); # says "1"
```

```
my $ua2 = $ua;
say refcount($ua2); # says "2"
```