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* Created by Larry wall in 1987
* High level language commands like real language
* Interpreted. Lines of the program are processed one at a time
* Flexible
* Plaintext
* Notepad ++ recommended as editor
* Perl Interpreter required for perl
* Linux has already installed
* Padre – recommended IDE consisting both interpreter and editor
* Perl -v to know if perl is installed on windows, linux and mac
* Perl 5 and Perl 6

2.

* Perl doesn’t care about formatting
* Only ; suggests the end of the line hence even the different words can be in different line
* Case sensitive, hence all the keywords must be in lower case
* # for comments
* Sigils: Symbol or character that means something
* 3 diff types of sigils
* 1. $ for scalar variable
* 2. @ for arrays
* 3. % for arrays that has keys, meaning two values for each set of

5.

- <http://perldoc.perl.org> – For all the perl functions

PERL LANGUAGE FUNDAMENTALS

* perl program.pl – type in command prompt to run a perl program
* while using directory name inside string use ‘ instead of “ e.g.

open(my $fh, '>', $filename) or die "Could not open file '$filename' $!";

* -e used for checking any particular file or directory eg

if ( -e "$directory/$filename")

* Unlink $filename – To delete the file
* Chop – removes the last character of the string, removes the last character if it is a newline.