

# Chapter 95

## perlartistic

The Perl Artistic License

### 95.1 SYNOPSIS

You can refer to this document in Pod via "L<perlartistic>"  
Or you can see this document by entering "perldoc perlartistic"

### 95.2 DESCRIPTION

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### 95.3 The "Artistic License"

#### 95.3.1 Preamble

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#### 95.3.2 Definitions

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##### "Standard Version"

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