8.1.21 Summary

So, now we have class methods, constructors, instance methods, instance data, and even accessors. But that's still just the beginning of what Perl has to offer. We haven't even begun to talk about accessors that double as getters and setters, destructors, indirect object notation, subclasses that add instance data, per-class data, overloading, "isa" and "can" tests, UNIVERSAL class, and so on. That's for the rest of the Perl documentation to cover. Hopefully, this gets you started, though.

8.2 SEE ALSO

For more information, see *perlobj* (for all the gritty details about Perl objects, now that you've seen the basics), *perltoot* (the tutorial for those who already know objects), *perltooc* (dealing with class data), *perlbot* (for some more tricks), and books such as Damian Conway's excellent *Object Oriented Perl*.

Some modules which might prove interesting are Class::Accessor, Class::Class, Class::Contract,

Class::Data::Inheritable, Class::MethodMaker and Tie::SecureHash

8.3 COPYRIGHT

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