

Can't localize through a reference

(F) You said something like `local $$ref`, which Perl can't currently handle, because when it goes to restore the old value of whatever `$ref` pointed to after the scope of the `local()` is finished, it can't be sure that `$ref` will still be a reference.

Can't locate %s

(F) You said to do (or `require`, or `use`) a file that couldn't be found. Perl looks for the file in all the locations mentioned in `@INC`, unless the file name included the full path to the file. Perhaps you need to set the `PERL5LIB` or `PERL5OPT` environment variable to say where the extra library is, or maybe the script needs to add the library name to `@INC`. Or maybe you just misspelled the name of the file. See `require` in *perlfunc* and *lib*.

Can't locate auto/%s.al in @INC

(F) A function (or method) was called in a package which allows autoload, but there is no function to autoload. Most probable causes are a misprint in a function/method name or a failure to `AutoSplit` the file, say, by doing `make install`.

Can't locate object method "%s" via package "%s"

(F) You called a method correctly, and it correctly indicated a package functioning as a class, but that package doesn't define that particular method, nor does any of its base classes. See *perlobj*.

Can't locate package %s for @%s::ISA

(W syntax) The `@ISA` array contained the name of another package that doesn't seem to exist.

Can't locate PerlIO%s

(F) You tried to use in `open()` a PerlIO layer that does not exist, e.g. `open(FH, ">:nosuchlayer", "somefile")`.

Can't make list assignment to \%ENV on this system

(F) List assignment to `%ENV` is not supported on some systems, notably VMS.

Can't modify %s in %s

(F) You aren't allowed to assign to the item indicated, or otherwise try to change it, such as with an auto-increment.

Can't modify nonexistent substr

(P) The internal routine that does assignment to a `substr()` was handed a `NULL`.

Can't modify non-lvalue subroutine call

(F) Subroutines meant to be used in lvalue context should be declared as such, see Lvalue subroutines in *perlsub*.

Can't msgrcv to read-only var

(F) The target of a `msgrcv` must be modifiable to be used as a receive buffer.

Can't "next" outside a loop block

(F) A "next" statement was executed to reiterate the current block, but there isn't a current block. Note that an "if" or "else" block doesn't count as a "loopish" block, as doesn't a block given to `sort()`, `map()` or `grep()`. You can usually double the curly braces to get the same effect though, because the inner curly braces will be considered a block that loops once. See `next` in *perlfunc*.

Can't open %s: %s

(S inplace) The implicit opening of a file through use of the `<>` filehandle, either implicitly under the `-n` or `-p` command-line switches, or explicitly, failed for the indicated reason. Usually this is because you don't have read permission for a file which you named on the command line.

Can't open a reference

(W io) You tried to open a scalar reference for reading or writing, using the 3-arg `open()` syntax :

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open FH, '>', $ref;
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