Chapter 79

perldoc

Look up Perl documentation in Pod format.

79.1 SYNOPSIS

perldoc [**-h**] [**-v**] [**-t**] [**-u**] [**-m**] [**-l**] [**-F**] [**-i**] [**-V**] [**-T**] [**-r**] [**-d***destination_file*] [**-o***formatname*]
[**-M***FormatterClassName*] [**-w***formatteroption:value*] [**-n***nroff-replacement*] [**-X**]
PageName|ModuleName|ProgramName

perldoc -f BuiltinFunction

perldoc -q FAQ Keyword

See below for more description of the switches.

79.2 DESCRIPTION

perldoc looks up a piece of documentation in .pod format that is embedded in the perl installation tree or in a perl script, and displays it via `pod2man | nroff -man | $PAGER`. (In addition, if running under HP-UX, `col -x` will be used.) This is primarily used for the documentation for the perl library modules.

Your system may also have man pages installed for those modules, in which case you can probably just use the man(1) command.

If you are looking for a table of contents to the Perl library modules documentation, see the *perltoc* page.

79.3 OPTIONS

-h

> Prints out a brief **h**elp message.

-v

> Describes search for the item in detail (**v**erbosely).

-t

> Display docs using plain **t**ext converter, instead of nroff. This may be faster, but it probably won't look as nice.

-u

> Skip the real Pod formatting, and just show the raw Pod source (**U**nformatted)