59.7.2 Trying to do too much

Your module will be part of a developer's toolkit. It will not, in itself, form the **entire** toolkit. It's tempting to add extra features until your code is a monolithic system rather than a set of modular building blocks.

59.7.3 Inappropriate documentation

Don't fall into the trap of writing for the wrong audience. Your primary audience is a reasonably experienced developer with at least a moderate understanding of your module's application domain, who's just downloaded your module and wants to start using it as quickly as possible.

Tutorials, end-user documentation, research papers, FAQs etc are not appropriate in a module's main documentation. If you really want to write these, include them as sub-documents such as My::Module::Tutorial or My::Module::FAQ and provide a link in the SEE ALSO section of the main documentation.

59.8 SEE ALSO

perlstyle

General Perl style guide

perlnewmod

How to create a new module

perlpod

POD documentation

podchecker

Verifies your POD's correctness

Packaging Tools

ExtUtils::MakeMaker, Module::Build

Testing tools

Test::Simple, Test::Inline, Carp::Assert, Test::More, Test::MockObject

http://pause.perl.org/

Perl Authors Upload Server. Contains links to information for module authors.

Any good book on software engineering

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