

Background Information regarding the YAPC Conference

About YAPC

YAPC is “Yet Another Perl Conference.” The name is in reference TPC (“The Perl Conference”), another annual Perl conference that started in 1997. YAPC began in 1999 and has since spread to many countries and locations.

Year	Conference Name	City	Host
1999	YAPC	Pittsburgh	Carnegie Mellon University
2000	YAPC::America	Pittsburgh	Carnegie Mellon University
	YAPC::Europe	London, UK	Institute for Contemporary Arts
2001	YAPC::NorthAmerica	Montreal	McGill University
	YAPC::Europe	Amsterdam	Hogeschool Holland
2002	YAPC::NorthAmerica	St. Louis	Washington University
	YAPC::Europe	Munich	Technische Universität München
2003	YAPC::Israel	Rehovot, Israel	Weizmann Institute of Science
	YAPC::Canada	Ottawa	Carleton University
	YAPC::NorthAmerica	Boca Raton, FL	Florida Atlantic University
	YAPC::Europe	Paris	CNAM Conservatory

The YAPC conferences are a production of YAS.

About YAS

YAS is “Yet Another Society,” a registered not-for-profit charitable institution based in Holland, Michigan, USA. Its purpose is to promote the art of collaborative computer programming and information technology. Its two main projects have been the production of the YAPC conferences and the distribution of grants to prominent members of the Perl community to advance their work on the Perl language.

About Perl

Perl is the Practical Extraction and Report Language. It was created in 1987 by Larry Wall as a volunteer effort. Since then it has been extended by literally thousands of other computer programmers, all working as volunteers collaboratively across the Internet. It is perhaps one of the 5 most important and widely-used computer languages in the world today. Perl is developed as a language and as a culture by individuals, companies and user groups in cities around the world.

About Toronto.pm

Toronto.pm (a.k.a. TPM) are the Toronto Perl Mongers. We are the local user group in support of the Perl programming language. We have approximately 100 members and hold monthly meetings which include updates on the Perl language, presentations, and networking. Toronto.pm will be the chief organizing body for YAPC::NorthAmerica in Toronto, with support (monetary and otherwise) from YAS.

About the language in this document

We appreciate that some phrases and terminology used in this document could seem strange to the first-time reader. (The repeated use of “Yet Another”, the strange capitalization of NorthAmerica, separating YAPC and NorthAmerica with “::,” referring to the Toronto user group as Toronto.pm, etc.) However, they are immediately recognizable and understandable to Perl programmers and other members of the Open Source software community. The usage and etymology of these terms has even been published by the MIT University Press! See “The New Hacker’s Dictionary”, ISBN 0262680920.

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