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## Perl 5 Syntax

Perl 5 Operators	Perl has a large number of operators, listed below with their precedence and associativity.  Note: <u>C Operators missing from Perl</u> : unary &, unary * and (type) <u>Quote and Quote-like operators</u> : in Perl quotes are operators and they provide various kind of interpolating and pattern matching capabilities.
Associativity: one of:     right     left     NA: not associative: cannot use more than one of these operators in sequence.     CH: chained	left
	NA         list operators (rightward)           right         Logical Not:         not           left         Logical And:         and           left         Logical or and Exclusive or:         or xor
File test operators	It is possible to combine the file test operator with the AND operator as in the following example:   if (-e \$fname && -f _ && -r _ ){     print("\$fname exists and is readable\n"); }
The most important operators are shown here. They check if the file	-ris readable-eexistsbis a block special filewis writable-zis emptycis a character special filexis executable-shas nonzero size (returns size in bytes)thandle is opened to a ttyois owned by effective uidfis a plain fileuhas setuid bit setRis readable-dis a directoryghas setgid bit setWis writable-lis a symbolic linkkhas sticky bit setXis executable-pis a named pipe (FIFO) or Filehandle is a pipeTis an ASCII text file (heuristic guess)Ofile is owned by real uidSis a socketBis a "binary" file (opposite of -T).