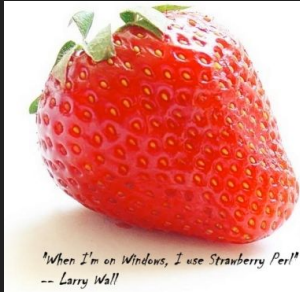


Actually Portable Perl

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Perl as an end user (at least on Windows)



Latest Release: 5.38.2.2 (2023-12-11)

5.38.2.2 MSI (171.7 MB)

Sha256: 45737aea8b2f93c50f06ee7303ec12eaa9632763a79883ab8a8eeae8ae96c75c

5.38.2.2 Portable zip (252.0 MB)

Sha256: ea451686065d6338d7e4d4a04c9af49f17951d15aa4c2e19ab8cb56fa2373440

5.38.2.2 PDL zip (305.7 MB)

Sha256: 9f05870dff066063d7e32f0c7781836178ab150c01ca14257957e1271c03ee30

- > Perl, how do I install Perl on Windows?
- > Strawberry Perl, okay, which version?
- > I'm now running special cmd.exe?
- > cpanm Package::Name
- > Is it compiling the world? I guess I'll go make a cup of coffee
- > A build or link or test error occurs

Binaries

```
$ readelf -d $(which extism)
```

```
Dynamic section at offset 0xafcde8 contains 27 entries:
```

Tag	Type	Name/Value
0x000000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libresolv.so.2]
0x000000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libpthread.so.0]
0x000000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libdl.so.2]
0x000000000000000001	(NEEDED)	Shared library: [libc.so.6]

PAR

This module lets you use special zip files, called **Perl Archives**, as libraries from which Perl modules can be loaded.

It supports loading XS modules by overriding **DynaLoader** bootstrapping methods; it writes shared object file to a temporary file at the time it is needed.

A *.par* file is mostly a zip of the *blib/* directory after the build process of a CPAN distribution. To generate a *.par* file yourself, all you have to do is compress the modules under *arch/* and *lib/*, e.g.:

```
% perl Makefile.PL
% make
% cd blib
% zip -r mymodule.par arch/ lib/
```

PAR::Packer

pp creates standalone executables from Perl programs, using the compressed packager provided by [PAR](#), and dependency detection heuristics offered by [Module::ScanDeps](#). Source files are compressed verbatim without compilation.

Actually Portable Executable

```
MZqFpD='
BIOS BOOT SECTOR'
exec 7<> $(command -v $0)
printf '\177ELF...LINKER-ENCODED-FREEBSD-HEADER' >&7
exec "$0" "$@"
exec qemu-x86_64 "$0" "$@"
exit 1
REAL MODE...
ELF SEGMENTS...
OPENBSD NOTE...
NETBSD NOTE...
MACHO HEADERS...
CODE AND DATA...
ZIP DIRECTORY...
```

Cosmopolitan Libc

[Cosmopolitan Libc](#) makes C a build-once run-anywhere language, like Java, except it doesn't need an interpreter or virtual machine. Instead, it reconfigures stock GCC and Clang to output a POSIX-approved polyglot format that runs natively on Linux + Mac + Windows + FreeBSD + OpenBSD + NetBSD + BIOS with the best possible performance and the tiniest footprint imaginable.

Building Perl with the Cosmopolitan Libc

```
#!/bin/sh
# cosmo.sh - hints for building perl using the Cosmopolitan Libc
#

test -d "$COSMOCC" || exit 1;

usedl='undef'
usenm='false'
so='none'
osname='cosmo'
osvers=''
libpth=''
d_proclselfexe='undef'
locincpth=''
loclibpth=''
glibpth=''
cc="$COSMOCC/bin/x86_64-unknown-cosmo-cc"
ccflags="-fno-stack-protector -D_COSMO_SOURCE"
ldflags="-fno-stack-protector"
libs=''
unset COSMOCC
```

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```
$ zipinfo -t perl.com  
2152 files, 56626550 bytes uncompressed, 14290337 bytes compressed: 74.8%
```

Creating self contained executables out of scripts

```
$ ./perl.com /zip/bin/perl.doc -h
perl.doc [options] PageName|ModuleName|ProgramName|URL...
perl.doc [options] -f BuiltinFunction
perl.doc [options] -q FAQRegex
perl.doc [options] -v PerlVariable
```

Automatic Script Execution - Overridden argv[0]

```
$ ls -la ./perldoc.com
lrwxrwxrwx 1 sample sample 8 Jun 21 23:49 ./perldoc.com -> perl.com
$ ./perldoc.com -h
perldoc [options] PageName|ModuleName|ProgramName|URL...
perldoc [options] -f BuiltinFunction
perldoc [options] -q FAQRegex
perldoc [options] -v PerlVariable
```

Automatic Script Execution APPERL_SCRIPTNAME

```
$ APPERL_SCRIPTNAME=perldoc ./perl.com -h
perldoc [options] PageName|ModuleName|ProgramName|URL...
perldoc [options] -f BuiltinFunction
perldoc [options] -q FAQRegex
perldoc [options] -v PerlVariable
```

Automatic Script Execution - APPERL_DEFAULT_SCRIPT

```
"default_script" : "/zip/bin/perldoc"
```

Building custom APPerl

```
$ zipinfo perl.com | grep bin/.  
-rwxr-xr-x  3.0 unx      15034 tx defN 24-May-11 03:24 bin/pod2man  
-rwxr-xr-x  3.0 unx     10803 tx defN 24-May-11 03:24 bin/pod2text  
-rwxr-xr-x  3.0 unx      4107 tx defN 24-May-11 03:24 bin/pod2usage  
-rwxr-xr-x  3.0 unx      3658 tx defN 24-May-11 03:24 bin/podchecker  
-rwxr-xr-x  3.0 unx      8360 tx defN 24-May-11 03:24 bin/cpan  
-rwxr-xr-x  3.0 unx     15375 tx defN 24-May-11 03:24 bin/corelist  
-rwxr-xr-x  3.0 unx     41880 tx defN 24-May-11 03:24 bin/enc2xs  
-rwxr-xr-x  3.0 unx      3069 tx defN 24-May-11 03:24 bin/encguess  
-rwxr-xr-x  3.0 unx     29227 tx defN 24-May-11 03:24 bin/h2ph  
-rwxr-xr-x  3.0 unx     60934 tx defN 24-May-11 03:24 bin/h2xs  
-rwxr-xr-x  3.0 unx      4290 tx defN 24-May-11 03:24 bin/instmodsh  
-rwxr-xr-x  3.0 unx      4992 tx defN 24-May-11 03:24 bin/json pp
```

apperlm - APPerl Manager

- CLI for configuring and building APPerl
- JSON DSL for specifying build configs
- Written in Perl, supports ≥ 5.010
- Included in “full” builds APPerl for easy bootstrapping

Case Study: MHFS

```
my $pollret = $poll->poll($loop_interval);
if($pollret > 0){
    foreach my $handle ($poll->handles()) {
        my $revents = $poll->events($handle);
        my $obj = $self->{'fh_map'}{$handle};
        if($revents & POLLIN) {
            #say "read Ready " . $$;
            if(! defined($obj->onReadReady)) {
                $self->remove($handle);
                say "poll has " . scalar ( $self->{'poll'}->handles) . " handles";
                next;
            }
        }
    }

    if($revents & POLLOUT) {
        #say "writeReady";
        if(! defined($obj->onWriteReady)) {
```

Case Study: MHFS

```
{
  "defaultconfig" : "mhfs",
  "appperl_configs" : {
    "mhfs" : {
      "desc" : "mhfs config",
      "base" : "full",
      "dest" : "mhfs.com",
      "install_modules" : [
        "./HTML-Template",
        "./URI",
        "./Class-Inspector",
        "./File-ShareDir-Install",
        "./File-ShareDir",
        "./App-MHFS"
      ]
    }
  }
}
```

Running MHFS on Windows demo

Future

- ARM64/AArch64 builds
- Fat binaries (combined x86_64 and ARM64 builds)
- Upgrade to Perl 5.38 and then 5.40
- Get the `cosmo` platform into Perl
- Maybe built-in client and server TLS?

Questions?

<https://computoid.com/APPer/>

