



## Perl 5 Core Maintenance Fund

### Introduction

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Since 2008 The Perl Foundation has provided a series of grants targeted at improving the Perl 5 core. This project has been very successful but the original funding is now almost depleted. The Perl Foundation is committed to raising new funding to help continue and expand this important venture.

The original funding for this project was provided solely by a generous donation from Booking.com aimed at improving the overall stability and performance of the Perl 5 Core which would in turn benefit all users.

The Perl Foundation is seeking to further extend the work already performed, which were done through a series of Grants to Dave Mitchell, and now hopes to extend Dave's work through funding and also in the first part to additionally fund Nicholas Clark.

We hope to encourage businesses, organisations and individuals to directly contribute towards this fund to build a better Perl. We will keep a list of all sponsors which may be used in promotion of the fund and to thank those who donate (anonymity may be requested); furthermore significant donors will have their logo (or a logo of their choice) placed on The Perl Foundation Sponsors page under a heading indicating their direct support of this, and any donation of greater than \$1,000 dollars will have the sponsor mentioned in the weekly report that they have sponsored.

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## Description of Fund

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The donations made to this fund will be used for the maintenance and improvement of the Perl5 core. Funds will be disbursed via grants awarded by The Perl Foundation in conjunction with well-respected members of the perl5 community. The grants will be awarded to the most appropriate applicant and managed in association with the Perl 5 Porters.

Once an application has been received, and confirmed as matching the initial requirements, it will be published on The Perl Foundation blog for a period of community feedback. If it is required, by the nature of the grant, feedback may also be requested from key community members. Final evaluation of any grants will be performed by the president of The Perl Foundation in consultation with other members (Executive, Board and Committee); with members of the Perl 5 Porters; with the Perl 5 Pumpking.

### Applicant Eligibility

Due to the nature of this fund, and its targeted focus, eligibility to apply has two initial requirements:

1. To be eligible the applicant 'must' be a contributor to the Perl 5 core.
2. The application 'must' be endorsed by one or more people with commit rights to the core.

This will ensure that the grant funds are given to experienced members of the community who can target well-known problems and create lasting solutions.