



## Booking.com Sponsors €100,000 to Perl 5 Development

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online hotel reservations

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### **Booking.com donates again to The Perl Foundation, gives €100,000 to Perl 5 development**

Booking.com announced today that they have donated a new grant of €100,000 to the Perl Foundation to aid with further development of the Perl 5 programming language. The grant follows Booking.com's \$50,000 grant to TPF that was just recently successfully concluded, having contributed to a significant improvement in quality of the Perl 5 core. Booking.com is the world's largest and fastest growing online hotel reservation service. It is based in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

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"Perl is central to the success of Booking.com. With this grant, we want to keep up our tradition of giving back to the community," said Darren Huston, Chief Executive Officer of Booking.com.

"Booking.com has seen strong growth in its business for several years. At the same time, Perl has made a comeback as a time-tested language of choice for online applications.

As one of the world's largest employers of Perl developers, an investment for us into a healthy and dynamic Perl community is an investment in the future of our company and innovative web development in general."

The grant was received by Jesse Vincent and Karen Pauley on behalf of The Perl Foundation at Booking.com's half-yearly internal IT-conference in Amsterdam, which was attended by the over 200+ person IT team of Booking.com.

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ADVANCING THE PERL PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE



Since the foundation of Booking.com in 1996, apart from the Perl programming language, the company has always used open source projects and products for its IT infrastructure such as Linux, Apache, MySQL and Java.

## About Booking.com

Booking.com B.V., part of Priceline.com (Nasdaq: PCLN), owns and operates Booking.com™, the leading worldwide online hotel reservations agency by room nights sold, attracting over 30 million unique visitors each month via the Internet from both leisure and business markets worldwide.

Established in 1996, Booking.com B.V. guarantees the best prices for any type of property, ranging from small independent hotels to five-star luxury properties through Booking.com. The Booking.com website is available in 41 languages and offers over 178,895 hotels in 161 countries.

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