

Re: Perl realted..?

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On Jan 10, 2008 1:23 PM, Chris Howie <cdhowie@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Jan 10, 2008 1:11 PM, ISHWAR RATTAN <rattan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I am coming back to perl after a long time.

The sample code these days also uses variable attribute my as:

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my $inst = Extutils::Installed->new();  
my @modules = $inst->modules();
```

Can any demistify 'my' for me??

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"my" declares a variable that exists within the current scope and is unreachable from outside the scope. So a "my" declaration in one package cannot be reached from another package. "our" is identical to "my" except that you *can* reach that variable from other packages. A "my" declaration inside of a function just limits the scope and lifetime of the variable to that function.

I just wanted to point out that to take full advantage of "my" you might want to program using "use strict" also.

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