

Errata for Learning Perl, 8th Edition

Confirmed Errata

Location	Description
Page 9 the second to last paragraph	Update "http://learn.perl.org" to be " https://learn.perl.org ", including the link
Page 58 First line of the <STDIN> in List Context section	At the start of the section on the distinction between lists and arrays. The end of this line says "in an array context" whereas it should more generally say " in a list context " (the former is a special case of the latter).
Page 86 11th paragraph of "Output to Standard Output"	The paragraph with the mistake: But if you (or a program) may be waiting impatiently for the output, you may wish to take that performance hit and flush the output buffer each time you print. See \$! in the perlvar documentation for more information on controlling buffering in that case. The \$! should be \$ See: https://perldoc.perl.org/perlvar#\$%7C
Page 103 last line in last paragraph	change \$rock_fh to \$rocks_fh
Page 104 first line of first paragraph	change \$rock_fh to \$rocks_fh
Page 138 second code example	In the second code block, change if (/\.png\z/) { print "Found a URL\n"; } to if (/\.png\z/) { print "Found a PNG \n"; }
Page 143 3rd code example	/ [0-9]+ # one or more digits before the decimal point [#] # literal pound sign /x Change to / [0-9]+ # one or more digits [#] # literal pound sign /x
Page 234 last paragraph	In the last paragraph, change: So you use the pattern /\.old\$/ to mean to So you use the pattern /\. old \z/ to mean
Page 299 first line in first code example	In the two code lines on that page that are: print "Enter some lines, then press Ctrl-D:\n"; change to print "Enter some lines, then press Ctrl-D:\n"; # or Ctrl-Z on Windows
Page 355 last paragraph in "Installing a Recent Perl"	Change URL to https://perlbrew.pl
Page 359 Symbols section	= (binding operator) change to =~ (binding operator)
Page 368 Q section	qw() change to: qw()

Unconfirmed Errata

Location	Description
Page 69 4th paragraph	Words "textual scope", change to: "lexical scope"
Page 207 Path::Class	Some text is missing just before the code, as "dir", "subdir", "parent", and "as_foreign" (NOT the variables) are introduced without explanation. There is also no "use Path::Class;" in the code : "The Path::Class module, which doesn't come with Perl, gives you a more pleasant interface: my \$dir = dir (qw(Users fred lib)); ..."
Page 209 first lines of code	The code runs correctly as is, but Perl's "time" function is not introduced anywhere in the text.
Page 223 first paragraph and first code section	"Perl adds an experimental feature (Appendix D) ..." It's true that "bitwise" was experimental, but as noted in appendix D, as of 5.28 it is no longer . Thus, the 3 lines of code following this paragraph could be replaced by: use v5.28.0;
Page 226 3rd paragraph	Word "my_program", change to: "show_my_cwd"
Page 260 middle of page	It's unclear that the code near the top of the page ("my @dirs ...") is referenced by:" "Compare that with this security problem: system "tar cvf \$tarfile @dirs"; #Oops! Here, you've now piped a bunch of stuff into a flintstone command ..."