Perlbrew

- Make your own Perl

- Have several Perls

- Custom builds

- Modules

- No sudo needed

- Etc.

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Advantages

- No need to run sudo to install CPAN modules

- Try the monthly released new perls.

- Learn new language features.

- Test your production code against different perl versions.

- Leave vendor perl (the one that comes with OS) alone

- Vendor perl usually serves its own purposes, and it might be a bad idea to mess it up too much.

- Especially PITA when trying to upgrade system perl.

- Some vendors introduced their own perl bugs, twice!

- Hacking perl internals.

- Just to keep up with fashion.

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Disadvantages

- A bit of work.

- Disk space.

  - Hint: put new perls on your local disk, not `/users/`

  - Perlbrew will install into `~/perl5`

  - So make this directory on your disk

  - And symlink to ~

  - `ln -s /vol/mydisk/perl5 ~`

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Installation

http://perlbrew.pl/

- `wget -O - http://install.perlbrew.pl | bash`

- `curl -L http://install.perlbrew.pl | bash`

- **Done!**

- Currently at version 0.72

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Use a new perl

- `perlbrew install perl-5.16.0`

  – Installs perl 5.16.0

- `perlbrew use perl-5.16.0`

  – Current shell only

- `perlbrew switch perl-5.16.0`

  – Also all new shells

- `perlbrew list`

  – Lists available perls

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- `perlbrew help <command>`

  - Help on <command>

- `perlbrew uninstall <version>`

  - Uninstalls selected perl version

- In `.bashrc`:

  `PATH=~/perl5/bin:$PATH`

  `source ~/perl5/perlbrew/etc/bashrc`

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How to make a perl

- See **perlbrew_install_latest** script

- Suggested `<flags>`:

```
-Dusethreads -Duselargefiles
-Dcccdlflags=-fPIC
-Dpager=/usr/bin/sensible-pager
-Doptimize='-O3 -march=native
-mtune=native'
```

- Use `perlbrew available -all` to find the latest version

```
perlbrew -v install <version> <flags>
-j <ncpus>
```

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How to run perl

- At the top

  ```
  #!/usr/bin/env perl

  use strict;
  ```

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Custom perl

- `perlbrew install 5.21.0 --as my_new_perl`

- `perlbrew switch my_new_perl`

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Patchperl

- Required, install with

  `perlbrew -v -f install-patchperl`
- **http://perlbrew.pl/Perlbrew-and-Friends.html**

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Cpanminus (cpanm)

- **http://perlbrew.pl/Perlbrew-and-Friends.html**

- Modules at **www.cpan.org**

- Best way to manage modules, install with

  ```
  perlbrew -v -f install-cpanm
  ```

- Then just need e.g.

  ```
  cpanm <module name>
  ```

- To update all modules

  ```
  cpan-outdated -p | cpanm —notest
  ```

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cpanm with your modules

- `cpanm <directory>`

- `cpanm my_module.tar.gz`

  Use `--notest` if you need to

- List your installed modules

  `perlbrew list-modules`

- Install from list

  `perlbrew -v list-modules |grep -v ^Perl\$ | perlbrew exec --with <perl_version> cpanm --reinstall --notest`

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