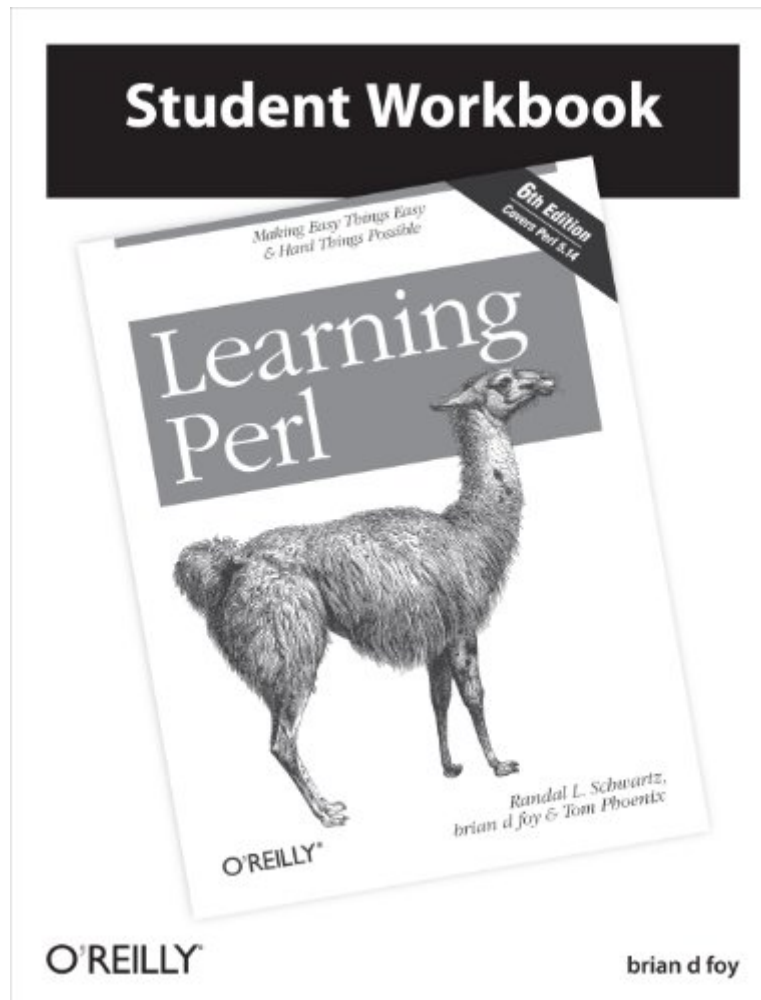




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If youâ™re a programmer, system administrator, or web hacker just getting started with Perl, this workbook helps you gain hands-on experience with the language right away. Itâ™s the perfect companion to the 6th Edition of Learning Perl (known as âœthe Llamaâ•), which is based on the popular introductory Perl course taught by the bookâ™s authors since 1991. The first half of this workbook presents the exercises, with answers in the second half. The material covers Perl up to version 5.14. Topics include: Scalar Data Lists and Arrays Subroutines Input and Output Hashes Regular Expressions Control Structures Perl Modules File Tests Directory Operations Strings and Sorting Smart Matching Process Management Some Advanced Perl Techniques Databases

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Customer Reviews

Learning any programming language is done best by doing it. The book has several chapters. Excellent companion to any Perl language learning sessions. Each chapter has many questions. The answers are linked off the questions. A sample question in regular expression chapter is :Write

a program to match a string that has an `a`, a `b`, and a `c`, in that order, but must have at least one other character between each of those letters. Solution as given in the book is:

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m/ a. + b. + c/ -- is the regular expression to be matched.#!/usr/bin/perluse strict;use warnings;print "Enter a string > ";chomp( $line = < STDIN > );if( m/ a. + b. + c/ ) { print "The string has an a, b, and c\n"; }else { print "String did not match\n"; }
```

You can get a DRM-free version from O'Reilly for \$3.99. I have been using a pre-release version of this book to help teach my coworkers perl from the 6th Edition of Learning Perl. It contains 125 exercises and their answers in 163 pages. The well-coded examples and explanations definitely help a lot.

I'm studying "Learning Perl" 6th edition and felt I needed additional exercises to work. I was delighted to find the Student Workbook, and downloaded it to my Kindle. Working the exercises in the Student Workbook gives me a better understanding of Perl. A nice feature of the ebook is that I'm able to follow the link from a problem to the answer given by the book - almost always more interesting than my answer. Way to go Brian D. Foy!

This book has a lot of explanations and exercises. I have gone through several chapters only, so I can only review what I have read. This book starts with the basics and leads to the more advanced topics but keeps you growing in a very comfortable pace.

This is a typical workbook that accompanies the lectures. You will find here lots of exercises related to Perl. Some of them are real brain teasers, some of them intend to show you some particular feature of Perl and some of them are just there - they don't require too much effort to solve. When it comes to the complexity of puzzles, I think that advanced Perl developers will find this book much too easy. This is because examples are based on topics you have probably faced already in your Perl development. However, the title says its purpose is to teach perl. And this is the place it fits best. If you are new to Perl, solving the issues may save your time in the future. Patterns found here are typical for a programming day-to-day routine. The great benefit of the book lies in the solutions (they consume roughly two-thirds of the book!). And this is the point. If you don't know the answer you get complete explanation as a means of consolation. The price is tempting as well. In fact I have bought the book with an idea behind that \$4 is not that much after all if it turns out that I wasted money. Hopefully, it was the other way round.

The problems are good for getting some more practice in, and all the exercises closely follow the parent text. My one gripe is that there's not a whole lot of attention to detail in the solutions. There are a nontrivial amount of typos, and a nontrivial number of the solutions miss a small detail here and there. Having said that, the solutions are generally pretty good, and you don't miss a whole lot with the few errors; I guess I'm just a stickler for details. Anyway, for a few bucks, I'd say this book is definitely worth it.

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