

Theory of Science & Free Thinking

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The Road to Knowledge? Simple:
Err, and Err, and Err again
But Less, and Less, and Less

Piet Hein



The Father of Nonviolent Resistance: Mahatma Gandhi

I really do like Your Christ - but dislike Your Christians
Why can't Your Christians be more like Your Christ?



LORD WILLINGDON'S DILEMMA



Live as if you'll die tomorrow
Learn as if you'll live forever



Me & IT

- ▶ 1980: Draw Bicycle Wheel
Amiga/Basic
- ▶ 1990: Turbo Pascal 5.0
Conjugating Spanish Verbs...
- ▶ 1992: PhD in Optimization
Auto LISP/CAD, C/C++, Shells
- ▶ 1996: Split, join (regex) in C/C++...
↪ Failure
- ▶ 1996: Systems Administrator, MAT, DTU
- ▶ 1996, Perl: System - Web - Tk
- ▶ 2002: Brasil
- ▶ 2004: SAdE, Sistema Adm. Escolar » No DBs!
- ▶ 2009: IME, UFG
- ▶ PHP



What does the Free in 'Free Software' Mean?

- ▶ No problem may be solved
Using the same parameters that lead to it
Einstein
- ▶ I have no Rules is a Rule...
- ▶ Axioms - Paradigmas - Dogmas
- ▶ Question, Always!
- ▶ Free Thinking:
My Rights Starts Where Yours End
- ▶ Isonomy
- ▶ Tolerances
- ▶ Free Knowledge - Science



Using Perl we are Free to do:

- ▶ Linux user/group adm
- ▶ Quota adm
- ▶ Backup adm
- ▶ Tk Window App
- ▶ CGI programming
- ▶ Lowlevel networking
- ▶ Perl & Expect: Controle command-line programs
- ▶ ...
- ▶ Exercise 1:
Rename the php executable on your Linux & Restart
What Happened?
- ▶ Exercise 2:
Rename perl executable on your Linux & Restart
What Happened?



Perl: use strict

Perl

```
use strict;
```

```
my $var=0;  
print $ver;
```

PHP

```
my $var=0;  
print $ver;
```

Compile time error!

'No' Problem

Liberty is to be strict, if and when we want...

perl -w: Stricter!

Perl also used for critical operations

Taint



Variables

Type	Perl	PHP
Scalar	\$	\$
List	@	\$
Hash	%	\$

```
my $scalar="0i";  
my @list=();  
$list[3]=$scalar;  
my %list=();  
$list{ "key" }=$scalar;  
my $list=\@list; #Ref to list  
print $list->[3];  
my $list=%list; #Ref to hash  
print $list->{ "key" };
```



Functions

▶ One Argument

```
sub MyFunction
{
    my $arg1=$_;
}
```

▶ List of Arguments

```
sub MyFunction
{
    my @args=@_;
}
```



Lists

```
▶ my @list1=("Ole","Fernando");  
   my @list2=qw/Ole Peter Smith/;  
   my @list=grep { /e$/ } @list2;  
   push(@list,"da","Silva",@list2);
```



Return two Values: Perl

```
sub MyFunc
{
    ...
    return ($res1,$res2);
}

sub MyOtherFunc
{
    ...
    my ($res1,$res2)=MyFunc();
}
```



Return two Values: PHP

```
sub MyFunc
{
    ...
    return array($res1,$res2);
}

sub MyOtherFunc
{
    ...
    $list=MyFunc();

    $res1=$list[0];
    $res2=$list[1];
}
```



Named Arguments

```
sub MyFunc
{
    my %args=@_;
    if ($args{ "BoldFirst" }) ...
    unless ($args{ "TableHead" }) ...
}
sub MyOtherFunc
{
    ...
    MyFunc
    (
        "BoldFirst" => 1,
        "TableHead" => 0,
    );
}
```

