Perl

A language for Systems and Network Administration and Management

What is Perl?

Perl is a programming language

The best language for processing text

Cross platform, free, open

Microsoft have invested heavily in ActiveState to improve support for Windows in Perl

Has excellent connection to the operating system

Has enormous range of modules for thousands of application types

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Robust and reliable (has very few bugs)

Supports object oriented programming

Good for big projects as well as small

Java 1.4 has borrowed one of Perl's best features: *regular expressions*

Perl has garbage collection

The "duct tape of the Internet"

Easy to use, since it usually "does the right thing"

Based on freedom of choice: "There is more than one way to do it!"

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