IT350 Web and Internet Programming

SlideSet #13: Perl Functions and More

(see online references)

use strict AND my

- With “use strict”, variables must be declared with “my”
- More work at first, but saves pain later!
  - Avoids errors from same vars being used in different files

#!/usr/bin/perl
use strict; use CGI qw(:standard);
use CGI::Carp qw(warningsToBrowser fatalsToBrowser);
print header(); print start_html();

my $x = 89;
my ($y, $z) = (91, 93);
my @arr = (1, 2, 3);
my ($d1, $d2, $d3) = @arr;
my ($f1, @f2, $f3) = @arr;

print p("x is $x");
print p("y is $y");
print p("z is $z");
print p("d1: $d1 d2: $d2 d3: $d3");
print p("f1: $f1 f2: $f2 f3: $f3");

my $details = "John--rabbit7";
my ($name, $password) = split (/--/,$details);

print p("name: '$name' password: '$password'");
print end_html();
Perl Function Calls (“subroutines”)

#!/usr/bin/perl
use strict;
use CGI qw(:standard);
use CGI::Carp qw(warningsToBrowser fatalsToBrowser);

print header(); print start_html(); print ('<p>);

# Prints "hello", takes no arguments
sub hello {
    print "<br/> Hello.";
}

# Takes two arguments, returns their product
sub multiply {
    my($valA, $valB) = @_; 
    return $valA * $valB;
}

my $x = 2;
print "<br/> $x * 7 = " . multiply($x,7);
hello;
hello();
hello(72145);
print ('</p>'); print end_html();

Function Calls and Arrays

... #usual prelude here

# Takes an array as argument, returns minimum value
sub findMin {
    my @arr = @_; 
    my $min = @arr[0];
    for (my $ii=0; $ii < @arr; $ii++) {
        if ($arr[$ii] < $min) {
            $min = $arr[$ii];
        }
    }
    return $min;
}

# Defines new global array, @array1
# AND returns a new array with 4 elements.
my @array1;
sub makeArray{
    @array1 = (89, 23, 90);
    my @array2 = (34, 5.4, 123, 2.01);
    return @array2;
}

my @test1 = makeArray();
my @test2 = (89, 23, 40, -17);
print "<br/> @test1 is: " . findMin(@test1);
print "<br/> @test2 is: " . findMin(@test2);
print "<br/> Min1 is: " . findMin(@array1);
print "<br/> Min2 is: " . findMin(@array2);
Exercise #1

- Write a Perl function `checkNum` that takes three arguments, `num`, `min`, and `max`, and returns 1 if `num` is in the range `[min,max]` (inclusive), or 0 otherwise.

Exercise #2

- Write a function `dup` that takes two arguments, `ch` and `count`, and prints the value of `ch` out `count` times.
- Then write code to produce the following output:
  
  12 12 12 12 12
Exercise #3

• Write a function, makeArray, that takes one argument, count, and returns an array of size count with the numbers from [1..count]. So makeArray(4) should return (1, 2, 3, 4)

Exercise #4

• Write a Perl function, reverse, that takes one argument, an array, and returns that array in reverse order. So (1, 2, 3) becomes (3, 2, 1).
String → number conversions (and back)

- Perl will convert to number where needed, or to a string where needed

```perl
my $str1 = "27";
my $str2 = "dog";
my $str3 = "cat";

my $result1 = $str1 + 10;
my $result2 = $str1 - 10;
my $result3 = $str2 + 10;

print p("result1: $result1 result2: $result2");
print p("result3: $result3");

my $val1 = 13;
my $val2 = 27;

print p("Combine these: " . $val1 . $val2);

if ($str2 == $str3) {
    print h2("Dogs and cats unite!");
}
```

Gotchas, References, and Multiple Files

```perl
my @array = @_;  # not the same as
my @array = $_;  # not the same as

my ($valA, $valB) = @_;  # not the same as
my $valA, $valB = @_;  # not the same as

References:
@array = (1, 2, 3);
$ref_array = \@array;
@array2 = @$ref_array;

print "\nfrom ref: " . $$ref_array[1];
print "\nfrom array: " . $array[1];

Multiple Perl Files:
require "question_struct.pl";
Be sure not to use same names (e.g., function names) in different files!
```
elsif

if ($x > 0) {
    print "Hello";
}
elsif ($x == -5) {
    print "Goodbye";
}
else {
    print "Bye";
}

Regular Expressions and Matching Operator
**Regular Expression Quantifiers and Metacharacters**

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<td>Between n and m times inclusive</td>
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<td>{n,+}</td>
<td>n or more times</td>
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<td>+</td>
<td>One or more times (same as {1,})</td>
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<td>*</td>
<td>Zero or more times (same as {0,})</td>
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<tr>
<td>?</td>
<td>One or zero times (same as {0,1})</td>
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**Fig. 25.8** Some of Perl’s quantifiers.

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<td>Word (alphanumeric) character</td>
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<td>Newline</td>
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<td>\W</td>
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**Fig. 25.9** Some of Perl’s metacharacters.