

Managing Multiple Perl installations in your \$HOME with PerlBrew

```
# Initialize
perlbrew init

# Pick a preferred CPAN mirror
perlbrew mirror

# See what is available
perlbrew available

# Install some Perls
perlbrew install 5.14.0
perlbrew install perl-5.8.1
perlbrew install perl-5.13.6

# See what were installed
perlbrew list

# Switch perl in the $PATH
perlbrew switch perl-5.12.2
perl -v

# Temporarily use another version only in current shell.
perlbrew use perl-5.8.1

# Switch to a certain perl executable not managed by perlbrew.
perlbrew switch /usr/bin/perl

# Or turn it off completely. Useful when you messed up too deep.
# Or want to go back to the system Perl.
perlbrew off

# Use 'switch' command to turn it back on.
perlbrew switch perl-5.12.2

# Exec something with all perlbrew-ed perls
perlbrew exec perl -E 'say $|'
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501$ perlbrew init
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Perlbrew environment initiated, required directories are created under

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~/perl5/perlbrew
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Paste the following line(s) to the end of your `~/.bashrc` and start a new shell, perlbrew should be up and fully functional from there:

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

For further instructions, simply run ``perlbrew`` to see the help message.

Enjoy perlbrew at \$HOME!!

502\$ perlbrew mirror

Fetching mirror list

- [1] Africa, South Africa, Cape Town (mirror.ac.za)
- [2] Africa, South Africa, Cape Town (wa.co.za)
- [3] Africa, South Africa, Gauteng, Johannesburg (is.co.za)
- [4] Africa, South Africa, Western Cape, Parow (saix.net)
- [5] Africa, Tunisia, Tunis (cpan.mirror.tn)
- [6] Asia, Bangladesh, Dhaka (bd-servers.net)
- [7] Asia, China, AnHui, Hefei (ustc.edu.cn)
- [8] Asia, China, Beijing (sohu.com)
- [9] Asia, China, Fujian, Xiamen (xmu.edu.cn)
- [10] Asia, China, Hangzhou (rs.163.com)
- [11] Asia, China, Hong Kong (communilink.net)
- [12] Asia, China, Liaoning, Benxi (wenzk.com)
- [13] Asia, China, Qingdao (mirror.osqdu.org)
- [14] Asia, Hong Kong, Shatin, Hong Kong (cuhk.edu.hk)
- [15] Asia, India, Maharashtra, Mumbai (indialinks.com)
- [16] Asia, Indonesia, Bandung (itb.ac.id)
- [17] Asia, Indonesia, Depok (kambing.ui.ac.id)
- [18] Asia, Indonesia, Jakarta (mwn-tlkm.archive.or.id)
- [19] Asia, Indonesia, Jakarta Selatan, Kuningan Barat (cpan.cermin.lipi.go.id)
- [20] Asia, Israel, Petah-Tiqwa (interhost.co.il)

Select a mirror by number or press enter to see the rest (239 more) [q to quit, m for manual entry]

503\$ perlbrew available

perl-5.15.2

i perl-5.14.1

perl-5.12.4

perl-5.10.1

perl-5.8.9

perl-5.6.2

perl5.005_04

perl5.004_05

perl5.003_07

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504$ perlbrew install perl-5.15.2
Fetching perl-5.15.2 as /Users/tony/perl5/
perlbrew/dists/perl-5.15.2.tar.gz
Installing /Users/tony/perl5/perlbrew/build/
perl-5.15.2 into ~/perl5/perlbrew/perls/perl-5.15.2
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This could take a while. You can run the following command on another shell to track the status:

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tail -f ~/perl5/perlbrew/build.log
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514$ perlbrew list
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perl-5.12.3
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perl-5.14.1
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* /usr/bin/perl (5.10.0)
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perl -v
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perlbrew off
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# Use 'switch' command to turn it back on.
perlbrew switch perl-5.12.2
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