

Perl 6

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- Perl 5 Porters meeting
- Jon Orwant

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- Larry Wall's "State of the Onion" speech
- Announces development of Perl 6

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- "The sky is not falling"
- <http://dev.perl.org/perl6/exegesis/>

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 - ◆ Now a fully-fledged parser
- Ability to define task specific "mini-languages"
- Better Object Orientation
- Various other things that are stolen from languages that weren't around to steal from when Perl 5 was designed!
- "Auto-conversion" of Perl 5 programs
- New virtual machine - Parrot

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- Parrot will be the core of the Perl 6 compiler
- It will be Perl 6's target platform
- Other languages will be able to target Parrot too
- <http://www.parrotcode.org/>

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