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2013 Year End Report

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President's Message

It's been an exciting year for The Perl Foundation and the Perl community. One of Perl's unique strengths is its maturity. A 25th anniversary in the F/OSS world is uncommon, and Perl's 25th gave us the opportunity to share the stories of our past while looking forward to the future.

With the generous donations of last year TPF continued funding key Perl 5 and Perl 6 developers, began to support a number of community events, and helped community projects such as MetaCPAN and CPAN Testers. For the first time we took part in the Gnome Outreach Program for Women—a program encouraging women to participate in Free and Open Source projects.

The Perl Foundation would not exist without the generosity of our donors, the commitment of our volunteers, and our well established community. I would like to thank everyone who supported us during the past year and I look forward to seeing what can be achieved in the coming years.

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2013 Highlights

GNOME outreach
Improving exceptions in Moose

Community & Conferences
442 attendees at YAPC::NA

Grants
$105,000 awarded

Finance
New sponsorship opportunities

The Outreach Program for Women (OPW)

The Outreach Program for Women was inspired by Google's Summer of Code and by how few women applied for it. The GNOME Foundation first started the OPW with one round in 2006, and then resumed the effort in 2010 with rounds organized twice a year. In the January-April 2013 round, many other free and open source organizations joined the program, including The Perl Foundation. The program's primary goal is to encourage women to pursue careers in Free and Open Source Software.

A welcoming link that connects talented and passionate women with people working in free and open source software, OPW is helping us to build a more inclusive community.

The Perl Foundation's Involvement

This year, The Perl Foundation was a key contributor to the funding of the OPW program. Not only did The Perl Foundation fund an internship through the OPW Program, we also assisted in mentoring the intern who worked specifically in Perl.

Follow @fossopw on Twitter to get the latest news.

OUR MENTOR
Shawn M. Moore

"Our project was to convert Moose's hundreds of exceptions from strings to a hierarchy of exception classes...in the end, Upasana was able to manage all 5 of the most-difficult Moose [components]. I feel 100% confident in conferring Upasana the title of Moose Expert."

Read Shawn's reflections on being a mentor to Upasana by scanning the QR code or visiting bit.ly/2013moose

OUR INTERN
Upasana Shukla

This internship is about implementing structured exceptions in Moose. Moose has string exceptions, which do not contain much error information. I am creating classes for different exceptions, deciphering common patterns in classes & making roles for them to avoid code repetition, changing Moose code to throw exceptions, writing/improving missing tests for error conditions, documenting the code I have written & working on existing RT tickets as well as cleaning up code and its documentation.

I am grateful to The Perl Foundation for sponsoring my internship.

"I will continue to participate in Perl."

Read Upasana's blog at http://upasana.me/

Community
Ya'akov Sloman

The Perl Foundation's new focus on proactive community building has already begun to bear fruit in its first year. Local interest and readiness to foster activity has lead to a resurgence of the Perl community in India. In Bangalore and Delhi groups have begun organizing regular technical meetings in anticipation of the first YAPC::India. The Perl Foundation's OPW Intern Upasana Shukla has been appointed Member for India on the Community Advocacy Committee and will be providing a regular feature for the The Perl Foundation blog called 'Letter from India' to keep us informed with the impressive amount of Perl activity in India's high-tech sector. As Community Advocate I have begun a series of symposia designed to provoke discussion of community growth and health at the local level. We've already visited Perl Monger's groups in Chicago, New York City, and Philadelphia and have plans for cities in Europe ahead. Expect the momentum to increase!

Conferences
Heath Bair

What a year for Perl conferences and workshops! From Orlando to DC to Austin and out into the rest of the world, Perl conferences truly ensure the future of Perl.

We had several Perl workshops this year. Perl oasis in Orlando is always a great way to start the new year. The Prather brothers put together an awesome show, full of great sessions and fun. To the North, the DC Baltimore Perl Workshop is turning into quite the juggernaut. Finally, Dan Wright and company turned out the sixth Pittsburgh Perl Workshop with 52 participants.

YAPC::NA
June 23 - 25, 2014
Orlando, Florida

http://yapcna.org

Who enjoyed YAPC? Austin.pm and Houston.pm teamed up to deliver another successful conference. YAPC::NA, our largest conference in recent history, hosted 442 participants and 86 workshops. A huge thanks to our 23 event sponsors. The bar has been set once again, and we're looking forward to the 2014 YAPC::NA in Orlando, Florida!

Grants
Ricardo Signes, Perl 5 Pumpkin

It's been a real boon to have the Perl Foundation fund dedicated workers for Perl. By making Perl maintenance part of someone's livelihood, rather than just an extracurricular activity, we've been able to get significant amounts of time logged against hard and tedious problems that would have otherwise languished. Funded work has closed difficult bugs, reviewed complex contributions, and improved tools.

Traditional Grants $4,783	Perl 5 Core Maintenance $94,502	Ian Hague Infrastructure $5,671

Grants awarded

Joel Berger	David Golden	Jeffrey Ryan Thalhammer
Herbert Breunung	Paul Johnson	Torsten Raudssus
Nicholas Clark	Carl Masak	Jess Robinson
Tony Cook	Patrick Michaud	Ricardo Signes
Joaquin Ferrero	Dave Mitchell	
Shlomi Fish	Enrique Nell	

APPLY TODAY
The Perl Foundation is looking for quality projects that contribute to the development of the language for which to award grant money.

FINANCE
Dan Wright

The Perl Foundation is ensuring the future of Perl in many more ways than most people may realize. From improvement of the Perl core language, to hosting conferences, to reaching out to the Perl community in new innovative ways, our volunteers contribute their skills while TPF provides the financial backing to help them succeed.
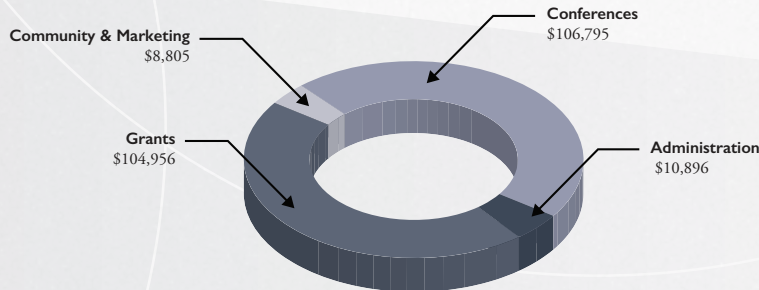
In 2013, TPF has:
» Provided over $100,000 in grant payments.
» Funded new hardware for MetaCPAN.
» Funded our first intern through the GNOME Outreach Program for Women.
» Funded a series of community outreach events.
» Provided support for 4 Perl conferences.

Internally, we continue to make improvements. We are refining our web sites and marketing strategies.

We are taking a close look at how we can build on our fundraising efforts. Beginning in 2014, TPF will launch a brand new fundraising campaign, the result of over a year of research and preparation. It is our hope that this new campaign will better equip us to ensure the future of Perl for years to come.
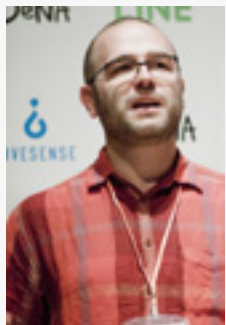
Yearly Expenses
Nov 2012 - Oct 2013

Conferences
$106,795

Community & Marketing
$8,805

Grants
$104,956

Administration
$10,896

YOU can ensure the future of Perl

So how can you help continue to ensure the future of Perl? It's easy! There's many different ways to contribute: Volunteer hours put into development, helping organize your local Perl event, or logging on to make a financial contribution.

donate.perlfoundation.org