

# Perl Debugger Cheatsheet

## List/search source lines

**l** [**ln|sub**].....List source code  
**-** or **.**.....List previous/current line  
**v** [**line**].....View around line  
**f** **filename**.....View source in file  
**/pattern/ ?patt?**.....Search forward/backward  
**M**.....Show module versions

## Debugger controls

**o** [**...**].....Set debugger options  
**<[<|{|{|>|>] [cmd]**.....Do pre/post-prompt  
**!** [**N|pat**].....Redo a previous command  
**H** [**- num**].....Display last **num** commands  
**=** [**a val**].....Define/list an alias  
**h** [**db\_cmd**].....Get help on command  
**h** **h**.....Complete help page  
**|[|]db\_cmd**.....Send output to pager  
**q** or **^D**.....Quit

## Data Examination

**expr**.....Execute perl code, also see: **s,n,t expr**  
**x|m expr**.....Evals **expr** in list context, dumps the result or lists methods.  
**p expr**.....Print expression (uses script's current package).  
**S** [**[!]pat**].....List subroutine names [not] matching **pattern**  
**V** [**Pk [Vars]**].....List Variables in Package. Vars can be **~pattern** or **!pattern**.  
**X** [**Vars**].....Same as "**V current\_package [Vars]**".  
**i**.....class inheritance tree.  
**y** [**n [Vars]**].....List lexicals in higher scope **<n>**. Vars same as **V**.  
**e**.....Display thread id  
**E**.....Display all thread ids.

For more help, type **h cmd\_letter**, or run **man perldebug** for all docs.

## Control script execution

**T**.....Stack trace  
**s** [**expr**].....Single step [in **expr**]  
**n** [**expr**].....Next, steps over subs  
**<CR/Enter>**.....Repeat last **n** or **s**  
**r**.....Return from subroutine  
**c** [**ln|sub**].....Continue until position  
**L**.....List break/watch/actions  
**t** [**expr**].....Toggle trace [trace **expr**]  
**b** [**ln|event|sub**] [**cnd**]....Set breakpoint  
**B** **ln|\***.....Delete a/all breakpoints  
**a** [**ln**] **cmd**.....Do **cmd** before line  
**A** **ln|\***.....Delete a/all actions  
**w** **expr**.....Add a watch expression  
**W** **expr|\***.....Delete a/all watch **exprs**  
**![!] syscmd**.....Run **cmd** in a subprocess  
**R**.....Attempt a restart

