

Data Structures in Perl

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- ▶ also holds the reference to an array or reference to a hash



Reference in Perl will be covered in subsequent tutorial



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- ▶ `$string = 'I am scalar of type string';`



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- ▶ Perl array stretches or shrinks as per the elements added or removed



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```
@variableName = (element 1,  
element 2, ..., element N);
```



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- ▶ Key in hash is unique



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- ▶ It also holds value of any data type



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Syntax of Hash is

```
%variableName= (  
  "Key1" => "Value1",  
  "Key2" => "Value2"  
);
```



Summary

In this tutorial we learnt,

- ▶ **Scalar**
- ▶ **Array**
- ▶ **Hash Data Structures in Perl**



Assignments

- ▶ **Declare scalar variable**
- ▶ **Assign value of type float to it and then print it**
- ▶ **Declare and print an array of colors 'Red', 'Yellow' and 'Green'**



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- ▶ **Declare and print a hash of Employee Name and their department.**

**Hint: 'Employee' => 'John',
'Department' => 'Engineering'**



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