

Documentation

The mod_perl project features a lot of documentation, both for mod_perl 1.0 and 2.0. If there is anything you need to learn about mod_perl, you'll learn it here.

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1 Conventions used in the mod_perl Documentation

1.1 Description

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1.2 Prompts

For commands that should be typed in your shell (or your *Command prompt*, or whatever your OS calls it), we use the following prompts:

```
% ls -l
```

for the user-mode prompt (ie. a normal user account, with no special privileges).

```
# ls -l
```

for the superuser prompt: this means you'll have to change users to become the super user on your platform. On Unix you can use the `su` or `sudo` utilities to gain superuser privileges (provided you know the *root* password); on other platforms you might have to change the user -- to *Administrator* for example on Windows.

If you cannot obtain super user privileges, there will often be explanations about how doing the selected task without those privileges; in any other case, contact your system administrator.

On documents specific to a certain Operating System, the prompt might change. For example, in Windows documentation, we might use:

```
C:\> nmake
```

instead of any other prompt.

1.3 Typographical conventions

We try to be consisten about our use of different fonts and faces, so that you'll recognize special words more easily.

- *Italic*

is used for file names or things you have to replace.

- Constant width

is used for commands/program names, configuration items or Perl code/function names, and manpage references.

- **Bold**

is used for things we want to stress.

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