

NAME

English - use nice English (or awk) names for ugly punctuation variables

SYNOPSIS

```
use English qw( -no_match_vars ) ; # Avoids regex performance penalty
use English;
...
if ( $ERRNO =~ /denied/ ) { ... }
```

DESCRIPTION

This module provides aliases for the built-in variables whose names no one seems to like to read. Variables with side-effects which get triggered just by accessing them (like \$0) will still be affected.

For those variables that have an **awk** version, both long and short English alternatives are provided. For example, the \$/ variable can be referred to either \$RS or \$INPUT_RECORD_SEPARATOR if you are using the English module.

See *perlvar* for a complete list of these.

PERFORMANCE

This module can provoke sizeable inefficiencies for regular expressions, due to unfortunate implementation details. If performance matters in your application and you don't need \$PREMATCH, \$MATCH, or \$POSTMATCH, try doing

```
use English qw( -no_match_vars ) ;
```

. It is especially important to do this in modules to avoid penalizing all applications which use them.