

# Perl Dev Kit (PDK) 8

## For the Enterprise



ActiveState's Perl Dev Kit (PDK) 8.0 provides essential tools for Perl programmers, making it simple to build and deploy applications to any platform.

PDK features application builders for Windows, Mac OS X, Linux, Solaris, and AIX, plus a suite of tools to speed development time and improve code quality and consistency.

With cross-wrapping functionality now included with PerlApp, teams can develop in any environment and deploy to anywhere. And PDK provides great return on investment for enterprise-level developer teams using Perl to create critical applications.

## Top 10 Reasons PDK Makes Good Business Sense

### 1. Comprehensive

PDK provides the essential tools for building and deploying professional Perl applications, plus features to speed development time and improve code quality and consistency across teams.

- ▶ **PerlApp:** Now with cross-platform wrapping, use this sophisticated, easy-to-use tool for bundling Perl source code and modules into executables for distribution for any platform. Includes application builders for Windows, Mac OS X, Linux, Solaris, and AIX. Choose between command line or GUIs for intuitive visual guides and build options.
- ▶ **PerlCritic:** Enforce and apply coding standards across your whole team, including best practices and entirely customizable policies.
- ▶ **Graphical Debugger:** Extremely nimble debugging client for Windows. Remote debugging support enables developers to debug scripts on virtually any platform. Debug multiple applications simultaneously for increased productivity.
- ▶ **Coverage Analyzer:** Improve code performance and reliability through coverage experiments, hotspot analysis and data set comparisons. Find and address issues before executables are deployed.
- ▶ **PerlMSI:** The better way to create Windows MSI installation files—using Perl code, with support for custom dialogs, shortcuts, registry entries and more.
- ▶ **Filter Builder:** Need to filter log files, chunks of code or other text files? Filter Builder is an intuitive tool for interactively operating on text, with filtering and replacement.
- ▶ **VBScript Converter:** Jumpstart your transition from VBScript to Perl. Generate Perl code from VBScript, recognizing all popular type libraries, including Microsoft Excel, Windows Scripting Host, Lotus Notes and more.
- ▶ **PerlTray:** Convert Perl programs to native Windows system tray applications.
- ▶ **PerlSvc:** Convert Perl programs to native Windows services.
- ▶ **PerlNET:** Allow .NET Framework code to access Perl code running outside the .NET Framework.
- ▶ **PerlCtrl:** Wrap your Perl code as an ActiveX component.

“Perl Dev Kit will give you back your weekends.”

—Foo Ji-Haw  
Nexlabs Pte Ltd

“Perl Dev Kit is the best—and I do mean best—software I have ever used! It simply compares to nothing else. THANK YOU!!”

—Bill Kambouroglou,  
Network Implementation Design  
and Programming, IBM

“GREAT PRODUCT! It saves me a ton of time at work.”

—Matt Hicks,  
IT PSS Systems Management,  
SAP America Inc

“Perl is a great language to get stuff done swiftly and powerfully. ActivePerl and the Perl Dev Kit are stupendous products.”

—Roger Voss, Technology  
Integration Senior  
Developer, Internet Enrollment  
Solutions This

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## 2. Code Quality

Easily implement best practices and coding policies across your organization. PDK 8.0's PerlCritic allows developers to run coding policies against their source code to ensure it conforms to either industry-standards or your organization's standards. And PDK's PerlCov improves code performance and reliability through coverage experiments, hotspot analysis, and data set comparisons, helping to find and address issues before executables are deployed.

## 3. Productivity

Build, debug, deploy—fast! Graphical user interfaces for all application builders make creating executables fast and easy, with visual guides to a wealth of build options. And the debugger solves coding problems fast and saves time. The coverage and hotspot analyzer reveals unused or overused code in Perl programs and test suites easily, so your code works more efficiently. Need to filter log files, chunks of code or other text files? PDK's Filter Builder is an intuitive tool for interactively operating on text, with filtering and replacement.

## 4. Team Player

PDK's PerlCov code coverage and hotspot analysis is great for analyzing and maintaining large code bases, and PerlCritic will get the whole team coding to in-house or industry standards.

## 5. Solid Foundation

Activestate has been the Perl leader for over a decade. Millions of developers worldwide rely on ActiveState's ActivePerl, the industry-standard Perl distribution, for its completeness and ease-of-use, while PDK is the premier suite of Perl development tools for building professional Perl applications.

## 6. Friendly Licensing Terms

Licenses are user-based, so a single license covers developers across all the platforms and systems they use—at home, at work, or at the coffee shop. And because turnover happens, you can reassign licenses to new users when you need to. PDK licenses include all updates too (i.e. from PDK 8.0 to PDK 8.1).

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## 7. Community

PDK boasts an extensive user community with active forums and mailing lists, bug fixes, loads of beta testers, and more. Developers can ask or answer questions, check out the latest screencasts, join Perl mailing lists, or just get the latest news from the PDK Community site.

## 8. Support

If at any time your developers need assistance, they can find the help they need. In addition to the self-serve support available from our smart user community, forum archives, and FAQs, ActiveState is proud to offer highly-praised technical support for PDK (read the great feedback we've received for our support services on our website). We even offer support services for business using our open source language distributions.

## 9. Training and Resources

New software can be daunting, but there's a whole list of resources and tools to help developers get started with PDK and take advantage of advanced features. Developers can check out screencasts, feature showcases, sample projects, and hands-on tutorials for PDK.

## 10. Value

PDK's multi-platform, user-based licenses cost \$295 US each. Even better, PDK is sold in 5-packs for only \$1180 US (like buying four and getting one for free!). We also offer volume discounts. You can buy online, or send us a purchase order. Credit terms are available for purchase orders over \$750 US.

PDK is also available as part of ActivePerl Pro Studio. ActivePerl Pro Studio is a easy-to-budget, subscription-based bundle of Perl Dev Kit (PDK), Komodo IDE, and access to Safari books online. First-year ActivePerl Pro Studio bundles are \$495 US each, and 5-packs are only \$1995.

**Questions? Please contact [sales@activestate.com](mailto:sales@activestate.com).**

“This is a great product. The Debugger alone is worth the price I paid, not to mention the other great tools.”

—Shawn Scott,  
Network Systems Engineer /  
Systems Integrator,  
Broadview Networks Inc.

“I love the Perl language. It makes seemingly impossible and arduous tasks easy and fun. ActivePerl and the Perl Dev Kit make it even easier. The work that ActiveState is doing is absolutely brilliant. The ease of installation of the distribution, packages and the documentation smooth the way when convincing people that Perl is the right tool for the job. I like to step carefully through code when testing and the Dev Kit debugger makes that quite easy.”

—Gerry Quinlan,  
Perl Developer

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