Perl functions

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DESCRIPTION

This file is the autogenerated documentation of functions in the Perl interpreter that are documented using Perl's internal documentation format but are not marked as part of the Perl API. In other words, **they are not for use in extensions**!

Compile-time scope hooks

BhkENTRY

NOTE: this function is experimental and may change or be removed without notice.

Return an entry from the BHK structure. which is a preprocessor token indicating which entry to return. If the appropriate flag is not set this will return NULL. The type of the return value depends on which entry you ask for.

void * BhkENTRY(BHK *hk, which)

BhkFLAGS

NOTE: this function is experimental and may change or be removed without notice.

Return the BHK's flags.

U32 BhkFLAGS (BHK *hk)

CALL_BLOCK_HOOKS

NOTE: this function is experimental and may change or be removed without notice.

Call all the registered block hooks for type which. which is a preprocessing token; the type of arg depends on which.

void CALL_BLOCK_HOOKS(which, arg)

Custom Operators

core_prototype

This function assigns the prototype of the named core function to sv, or to a new mortal SV if sv is NULL. It returns the modified sv, or NULL if the core function has no prototype. code is a code as returned by keyword(). It must not be equal to 0.

CV Manipulation Functions

docatch Check for the cases 0 or 3 of cur_env.je_ret, only used inside an eval context.

0 is used as continue inside eval,

3 is used for a die caught by an inner eval – continue inner loop

See *cop.h*: je_mustcatch, when set at any runlevel to TRUE, means eval ops must establish a local jmpenv to handle exception traps.

OP* docatch (Perl_ppaddr_t firstpp)

CV reference counts and CvOUTSIDE

CvWEAKOUTSIDE

Each CV has a pointer, CVOUTSIDE (), to its lexically enclosing CV (if any). Because pointers to anonymous sub prototypes are stored in & pad slots, it is a possible to get a circular reference, with the parent pointing to the child and vice-versa. To avoid the ensuing memory leak, we do not increment the reference count of the CV pointed to by CVOUTSIDE in the *one specific instance* that the parent has a & pad slot pointing back to us. In this case, we set the CvWEAKOUTSIDE flag in the child. This allows us to determine under what circumstances we should decrement the refecuence of the parent when freeing the child.

There is a further complication with non-closure anonymous subs (i.e. those that do not refer to any lexicals outside that sub). In this case, the anonymous prototype is shared rather than being cloned. This has the consequence that the parent may be freed while there are still active children, *e.g.*,

BEGIN { $a = sub \{ eval ' x' \} \}$

In this case, the BEGIN is freed immediately after execution since there are no active references to it: the anon sub prototype has CvWEAKOUTSIDE set since it's not a closure, and a points to the same CV, so it doesn't contribute to BEGIN's refcount either. When a is executed, the eval 'x' causes the chain of CvOUTSIDEs to be followed, and the freed BEGIN is accessed.

To avoid this, whenever a CV and its associated pad is freed, any & entries in the pad are explicitly removed from the pad, and if the refcount of the pointed-to anon sub is still positive, then that child's CvOUTSIDE is set to point to its grandparent. This will only occur in the single specific case of a non-closure anon prototype having one or more active references (such as a above).

One other thing to consider is that a CV may be merely undefined rather than freed, eg undef &foo. In this case, its refcount may not have reached zero, but we still delete its pad and its CvROOT etc. Since various children may still have their CvOUTSIDE pointing at this undefined CV, we keep its own CvOUTSIDE for the time being, so that the chain of lexical scopes is unbroken. For example, the following should print 123:

```
my $x = 123;
sub tmp { sub { eval '$x' } }
my $a = tmp();
undef &tmp;
print $a->();
```

```
bool CvWEAKOUTSIDE(CV *cv)
```

Embedding Functions

cv_dump

dump the contents of a CV

void cv_dump(CV *cv, const char *title)

cv_forget_slab

When a CV has a reference count on its slab (CvSLABBED), it is responsible for making sure it is freed. (Hence, no two CVs should ever have a reference count on the same slab.) The CV only needs to reference the slab during compilation. Once it is compiled and CvROOT attached, it has finished its job, so it can forget the slab.

```
void cv_forget_slab(CV *cv)
```

do_dump_pad

Dump the contents of a padlist

pad_alloc_name

Allocates a place in the currently-compiling pad (via "pad_alloc" in perlapi) and then stores a name for that entry. name is adopted and becomes the name entry; it must already contain the name string. typestash and ourstash and the padadd_STATE flag get added to name. None of the other processing of "pad_add_name_pvn" in perlapi(1) is done. Returns the offset of the allocated pad slot.

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```
PADOFFSET pad_alloc_name(PADNAME *name, U32 flags,
HV *typestash, HV *ourstash)
```

pad_block_start

Update the pad compilation state variables on entry to a new block.

void pad_block_start(int full)

pad_check_dup

Check for duplicate declarations: report any of:

* a 'my' in the current scope with the same name; * an 'our' (anywhere in the pad) with the same name and the same stash as 'ourstash'

is_our indicates that the name to check is an "our" declaration.

pad_findlex

Find a named lexical anywhere in a chain of nested pads. Add fake entries in the inner pads if it's found in an outer one.

Returns the offset in the bottom pad of the lex or the fake lex. cv is the CV in which to start the search, and seq is the current cop_seq to match against. If warn is true, print appropriate warnings. The out_* vars return values, and so are pointers to where the returned values should be stored. out_capture, if non-null, requests that the innermost instance of the lexical is captured; out_name is set to the innermost matched pad name or fake pad name; out_flags returns the flags normally associated with the PARENT_FAKELEX_FLAGS field of a fake pad name.

Note that pad_findlex() is recursive; it recurses up the chain of CVs, then comes back down, adding fake entries as it goes. It has to be this way because fake names in anon protoypes have to store in xpadn_low the index into the parent pad.

```
PADOFFSET pad_findlex(const char *namepv,
STRLEN namelen, U32 flags,
const CV* cv, U32 seq, int warn,
SV** out_capture,
PADNAME** out_name,
int *out_flags)
```

pad_fixup_inner_anons

For any anon CVs in the pad, change CvOUTSIDE of that CV from old_cv to new_cv if necessary. Needed when a newly-compiled CV has to be moved to a pre-existing CV struct.

pad_free Free the SV at offset po in the current pad.

void pad_free(PADOFFSET po)

pad_leavemy

Cleanup at end of scope during compilation: set the max seq number for lexicals in this scope and warn of any lexicals that never got introduced.

void pad_leavemy()

padlist_dup

Duplicates a pad.

padname_dup

Duplicates a pad name.

```
PADNAME * padname_dup(PADNAME *src, CLONE_PARAMS *param)
```

padnamelist_dup

Duplicates a pad name list.

pad_push

Push a new pad frame onto the padlist, unless there's already a pad at this depth, in which case don't bother creating a new one. Then give the new pad an @_ in slot zero.

void pad_push(PADLIST *padlist, int depth)

pad_reset

Mark all the current temporaries for reuse

void pad_reset()

pad_swipe

Abandon the tmp in the current pad at offset po and replace with a new one.

void pad_swipe(PADOFFSET po, bool refadjust)

GV Functions

gv_try_downgrade

NOTE: this function is experimental and may change or be removed without notice.

If the typeglob gv can be expressed more succinctly, by having something other than a real GV in its place in the stash, replace it with the optimised form. Basic requirements for this are that gv is a real typeglob, is sufficiently ordinary, and is only referenced from its package. This function is meant to be used when a GV has been looked up in part to see what was there, causing upgrading, but based on what was found it turns out that the real GV isn't required after all.

If gv is a completely empty typeglob, it is deleted from the stash.

If gv is a typeglob containing only a sufficiently-ordinary constant sub, the typeglob is replaced with a scalar-reference placeholder that more compactly represents the same thing.

void gv_try_downgrade(GV* gv)

Hash Manipulation Functions

hv_ename_add

Adds a name to a stash's internal list of effective names. See "hv_ename_delete".

This is called when a stash is assigned to a new location in the symbol table.

void hv_ename_add(HV *hv, const char *name, U32 len, U32 flags)

hv_ename_delete

Removes a name from a stash's internal list of effective names. If this is the name returned by HvENAME, then another name in the list will take its place (HvENAME will use it).

This is called when a stash is deleted from the symbol table.

void hv_ename_delete(HV *hv, const char *name, U32 len, U32 flags) refcounted_he_chain_2hv

Generates and returns a HV * representing the content of a refcounted_he chain. flags is currently unused and must be zero.

refcounted_he_fetch_pv

Like "refcounted_he_fetch_pvn", but takes a nul-terminated string instead of a string/length pair.

refcounted_he_fetch_pvn

Search along a refcounted_he chain for an entry with the key specified by keypv and keylen. If flags has the REFCOUNTED_HE_KEY_UTF8 bit set, the key octets are interpreted as UTF-8, otherwise they are interpreted as Latin-1. hash is a precomputed hash of the key string, or zero if it has not been precomputed. Returns a mortal scalar representing the value associated with the key, or &PL_sv_placeholder if there is no value associated with the key.

refcounted_he_fetch_pvs

Like "refcounted_he_fetch_pvn", but takes a literal string instead of a string/length pair, and no precomputed hash.

refcounted_he_fetch_sv

Like "refcounted_he_fetch_pvn", but takes a Perl scalar instead of a string/length pair.

refcounted_he_free

Decrements the reference count of a refcounted_he by one. If the reference count reaches zero the structure's memory is freed, which (recursively) causes a reduction of its parent refcounted_he's reference count. It is safe to pass a null pointer to this function: no action occurs in this case.

void refcounted_he_free(struct refcounted_he *he)

refcounted_he_inc

Increment the reference count of a refcounted_he. The pointer to the refcounted_he is also returned. It is safe to pass a null pointer to this function: no action occurs and a null pointer is returned.

refcounted_he_new_pv

Like "refcounted_he_new_pvn", but takes a nul-terminated string instead of a string/length pair.

refcounted_he_new_pvn

Creates a new refcounted_he. This consists of a single key/value pair and a reference to an existing refcounted_he chain (which may be empty), and thus forms a longer chain. When using the longer chain, the new key/value pair takes precedence over any entry for the same key further along the chain.

The new key is specified by keypv and keylen. If flags has the REFCOUNTED_HE_KEY_UTF8 bit set, the key octets are interpreted as UTF-8, otherwise they are interpreted as Latin-1. hash is a precomputed hash of the key string, or zero if it has not been precomputed.

value is the scalar value to store for this key. value is copied by this function, which thus does not take ownership of any reference to it, and later changes to the scalar will not be reflected in the value visible in the refcounted_he. Complex types of scalar will not be stored with referential integrity, but will be coerced to strings. value may be either null or &PL_sv_placeholder to indicate that no value is to be associated with the key; this, as with any non-null value, takes precedence over the existence of a value for the key further along the chain.

parent points to the rest of the refcounted_he chain to be attached to the new refcounted_he. This function takes ownership of one reference to parent, and returns one reference to the new refcounted_he.

refcounted_he_new_pvs

Like "refcounted_he_new_pvn", but takes a literal string instead of a string/length pair, and no precomputed hash.

refcounted_he_new_sv

Like "refcounted_he_new_pvn", but takes a Perl scalar instead of a string/length pair.

IO Functions

start_glob

NOTE: this function is experimental and may change or be removed without notice.

Function called by do_readline to spawn a glob (or do the glob inside perl on VMS). This code used to be inline, but now perl uses File::Glob this glob starter is only used by miniperl during the build process, or when PERL_EXTERNAL_GLOB is defined. Moving it away shrinks *pp_hot.c*; shrinking *pp_hot.c* helps speed perl up.

```
PerlIO* start_glob(SV *tmpglob, IO *io)
```

Lexer interface

validate_proto

NOTE: this function is experimental and may change or be removed without notice.

This function performs syntax checking on a prototype, proto. If warn is true, any illegal characters or mismatched brackets will trigger illegalproto warnings, declaring that they were detected in the prototype for name.

The return value is true if this is a valid prototype, and false if it is not, regardless of whether warn was true or false.

Note that NULL is a valid proto and will always return true.

NOTE: the perl_ form of this function is deprecated.

Magical Functions

magic_clearhint

Triggered by a delete from %^H, records the key to PL_compiling.cop_hints_hash.

int magic_clearhint(SV* sv, MAGIC* mg)

magic_clearhints

Triggered by clearing %^H, resets PL_compiling.cop_hints_hash.

int magic_clearhints(SV* sv, MAGIC* mg)

magic_methcall

Invoke a magic method (like FETCH).

sv and mg are the tied thingy and the tie magic.

meth is the name of the method to call.

argc is the number of args (in addition to \$self) to pass to the method.

The flags can be:

G_DISCARD invoke method with G_DISCARD flag and don't
 return a value
G_UNDEF_FILL fill the stack with argc pointers to
 PL_sv_undef

The arguments themselves are any values following the flags argument.

Returns the SV (if any) returned by the method, or NULL on failure.

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```
SV* magic_methcall(SV *sv, const MAGIC *mg,
SV *meth, U32 flags, U32 argc,
...)
```

magic_sethint

Triggered by a store to %^H, records the key/value pair to PL_compiling.cop_hints_hash. It is assumed that hints aren't storing anything that would need a deep copy. Maybe we should warn if we find a reference.

int magic_sethint(SV* sv, MAGIC* mg)

mg_localize

Copy some of the magic from an existing SV to new localized version of that SV. Container magic (*e.g.*, %ENV, \$1, tie) gets copied, value magic doesn't (*e.g.*, taint, pos).

If setmagic is false then no set magic will be called on the new (empty) SV. This typically means that assignment will soon follow (e.g. 'local $x\hat{A} = \hat{A} y'$), and that will handle the magic.

void mg_localize(SV* sv, SV* nsv, bool setmagic)

Miscellaneous Functions

free_c_backtrace

Deallocates a backtrace received from get_c_bracktrace.

void free_c_backtrace(Perl_c_backtrace* bt)

get_c_backtrace

Collects the backtrace (aka "stacktrace") into a single linear malloced buffer, which the caller **must** Perl_free_c_backtrace().

Scans the frames back by depth \hat{A} + \hat{A} skip, then drops the skip innermost, returning at most depth frames.

MRO Functions

mro_get_linear_isa_dfs

Returns the Depth-First Search linearization of @ISA the given stash. The return value is a readonly AV*. level should be 0 (it is used internally in this function's recursion).

You are responsible for SvREFCNT_inc() on the return value if you plan to store it anywhere semi-permanently (otherwise it might be deleted out from under you the next time the cache is invalidated).

AV* mro_get_linear_isa_dfs(HV* stash, U32 level)

mro_isa_changed_in

Takes the necessary steps (cache invalidations, mostly) when the @ISA of the given package has changed. Invoked by the setisa magic, should not need to invoke directly.

void mro_isa_changed_in(HV* stash)

mro_package_moved

Call this function to signal to a stash that it has been assigned to another spot in the stash hierarchy. stash is the stash that has been assigned. oldstash is the stash it replaces, if any. gv is the glob that is actually being assigned to.

This can also be called with a null first argument to indicate that oldstash has been deleted.

This function invalidates is a caches on the old stash, on all subpackages nested inside it, and on the subclasses of all those, including non-existent packages that have corresponding entries in stash.

It also sets the effective names (HvENAME) on all the stashes as appropriate.

If the gv is present and is not in the symbol table, then this function simply returns. This checked will be skipped if flags & 1.

Optree Manipulation Functions

finalize_optree

This function finalizes the optree. Should be called directly after the complete optree is built. It does some additional checking which can't be done in the normal ck_xxx functions and makes the tree thread-safe.

void finalize_optree(OP* o)

newATTRSUB_x

Construct a Perl subroutine, also performing some surrounding jobs.

This function is expected to be called in a Perl compilation context, and some aspects of the subroutine are taken from global variables associated with compilation. In particular, PL_compcv represents the subroutine that is currently being compiled. It must be non-null when this function is called, and some aspects of the subroutine being constructed are taken from it. The constructed subroutine may actually be a reuse of the PL_compcv object, but will not necessarily be so.

If block is null then the subroutine will have no body, and for the time being it will be an error to call it. This represents a forward subroutine declaration such as sub foo (\$\$);. If block is non-null then it provides the Perl code of the subroutine body, which will be executed when the subroutine is called. This body includes any argument unwrapping code resulting from a subroutine signature or similar. The pad use of the code must correspond to the pad attached to PL_compcv. The code is not expected to include a leavesub or leavesubly op; this function will add such an op. block is consumed by this function and will become part of the constructed subroutine.

proto specifies the subroutine's prototype, unless one is supplied as an attribute (see below). If proto is null, then the subroutine will not have a prototype. If proto is non-null, it must point to a const op whose value is a string, and the subroutine will have that string as its prototype. If a prototype is supplied as an attribute, the attribute takes precedence over proto, but in that case proto should preferably be null. In any case, proto is consumed by this function.

attrs supplies attributes to be applied the subroutine. A handful of attributes take effect by built-in means, being applied to PL_compcv immediately when seen. Other attributes are collected up and attached to the subroutine by this route. attrs may be null to supply no attributes, or point to a const op for a single attribute, or point to a list op whose children apart from the pushmark are const ops for one or more attributes. Each const op must be a string, giving the attribute name optionally followed by parenthesised arguments, in the manner in which attributes appear in Perl source. The attributes will be applied to the sub by this function. attrs is consumed by this function.

If o_is_gv is false and o is null, then the subroutine will be anonymous. If o_is_gv is false and o is non-null, then o must point to a const op, which will be consumed by this function, and its string value supplies a name for the subroutine. The name may be qualified or unqualified, and if it is unqualified then a default stash will be selected in some manner. If o_is_gv is true, then o doesn't point to an OP at all, but is instead a cast pointer to a GV by which the subroutine will be named.

If there is already a subroutine of the specified name, then the new sub will either replace the

existing one in the glob or be merged with the existing one. A warning may be generated about redefinition.

If the subroutine has one of a few special names, such as BEGIN or END, then it will be claimed by the appropriate queue for automatic running of phase-related subroutines. In this case the relevant glob will be left not containing any subroutine, even if it did contain one before. In the case of BEGIN, the subroutine will be executed and the reference to it disposed of before this function returns.

The function returns a pointer to the constructed subroutine. If the sub is anonymous then ownership of one counted reference to the subroutine is transferred to the caller. If the sub is named then the caller does not get ownership of a reference. In most such cases, where the sub has a non-phase name, the sub will be alive at the point it is returned by virtue of being contained in the glob that names it. A phase-named subroutine will usually be alive by virtue of the reference owned by the phase's automatic run queue. But a BEGIN subroutine, having already been executed, will quite likely have been destroyed already by the time this function returns, making it erroneous for the caller to make any use of the returned pointer. It is the caller's responsibility to ensure that it knows which of these situations applies.

CV * newATTRSUB_x(I32 floor, OP *o, OP *proto, OP *attrs, OP *block, bool o_is_gv)

newXS_len_flags

Construct an XS subroutine, also performing some surrounding jobs.

The subroutine will have the entry point subaddr. It will have the prototype specified by the nul-terminated string proto, or no prototype if proto is null. The prototype string is copied; the caller can mutate the supplied string afterwards. If filename is non-null, it must be a nul-terminated filename, and the subroutine will have its CvFILE set accordingly. By default CvFILE is set to point directly to the supplied string, which must be static. If flags has the XS_DYNAMIC_FILENAME bit set, then a copy of the string will be taken instead.

Other aspects of the subroutine will be left in their default state. If anything else needs to be done to the subroutine for it to function correctly, it is the caller's responsibility to do that after this function has constructed it. However, beware of the subroutine potentially being destroyed before this function returns, as described below.

If name is null then the subroutine will be anonymous, with its CvGV referring to an __ANON__ glob. If name is non-null then the subroutine will be named accordingly, referenced by the appropriate glob. name is a string of length len bytes giving a sigilless symbol name, in UTF-8 if flags has the SVf_UTF8 bit set and in Latin-1 otherwise. The name may be either qualified or unqualified, with the stash defaulting in the same manner as for gv_fetchpvn_flags. flags may contain flag bits understood by gv_fetchpvn_flags with the stash if necessary, with GV_ADDMULTI semantics.

If there is already a subroutine of the specified name, then the new sub will replace the existing one in the glob. A warning may be generated about the redefinition. If the old subroutine was CvCONST then the decision about whether to warn is influenced by an expectation about whether the new subroutine will become a constant of similar value. That expectation is determined by const_svp. (Note that the call to this function doesn't make the new subroutine CvCONST in any case; that is left to the caller.) If const_svp is null then it indicates that the new subroutine will not become a constant. If const_svp is non-null then it indicates that the new subroutine will become a constant, and it points to an SV* that provides the constant value that the subroutine will have.

If the subroutine has one of a few special names, such as BEGIN or END, then it will be claimed by the appropriate queue for automatic running of phase-related subroutines. In this case the relevant glob will be left not containing any subroutine, even if it did contain one before. In the case of BEGIN, the subroutine will be executed and the reference to it disposed of before this function returns, and also before its prototype is set. If a BEGIN subroutine would not be sufficiently constructed by this function to be ready for execution then the caller must prevent this happening by giving the subroutine a different name.

The function returns a pointer to the constructed subroutine. If the sub is anonymous then ownership of one counted reference to the subroutine is transferred to the caller. If the sub is named then the caller does not get ownership of a reference. In most such cases, where the sub has a non-phase name, the sub will be alive at the point it is returned by virtue of being contained in the glob that names it. A phase-named subroutine will usually be alive by virtue of the reference owned by the phase's automatic run queue. But a BEGIN subroutine, having already been executed, will quite likely have been destroyed already by the time this function returns, making it erroneous for the caller to make any use of the returned pointer. It is the caller's responsibility to ensure that it knows which of these situations applies.

```
CV * newXS_len_flags(const char *name, STRLEN len,
XSUBADDR_t subaddr,
const char *const filename,
const char *const proto,
SV **const_svp, U32 flags)
```

optimize_optree

This function applies some optimisations to the optree in top-down order. It is called before the peephole optimizer, which processes ops in execution order. Note that **finalize_optree(**) also does a top-down scan, but is called *after* the peephole optimizer.

void optimize_optree(OP* o)

Pad Data Structures

CX_CURPAD_SAVE

Save the current pad in the given context block structure.

void CX_CURPAD_SAVE(struct context)

CX_CURPAD_SV

Access the SV at offset po in the saved current pad in the given context block structure (can be used as an lvalue).

SV * CX_CURPAD_SV(struct context, PADOFFSET po)

PAD_BASE_SV

Get the value from slot po in the base (DEPTH=1) pad of a padlist

SV * PAD_BASE_SV(PADLIST padlist, PADOFFSET po)

PAD_CLONE_VARS

Clone the state variables associated with running and compiling pads.

PAD_COMPNAME_FLAGS

Return the flags for the current compiling pad name at offset po. Assumes a valid slot entry.

U32 PAD_COMPNAME_FLAGS (PADOFFSET po)

PAD_COMPNAME_GEN

The generation number of the name at offset po in the current compiling pad (lvalue).

STRLEN PAD_COMPNAME_GEN (PADOFFSET po)

PAD_COMPNAME_GEN_set

Sets the generation number of the name at offset po in the current ling pad (lvalue) to gen. STRLEN PAD_COMPNAME_GEN_set(PADOFFSET po, int gen) PAD COMPNAME OURSTASH Return the stash associated with an our variable. Assumes the slot entry is a valid our lexical. HV * PAD_COMPNAME_OURSTASH(PADOFFSET po) PAD_COMPNAME_PV Return the name of the current compiling pad name at offset po. Assumes a valid slot entry. char * PAD_COMPNAME_PV(PADOFFSET po) PAD_COMPNAME_TYPE Return the type (stash) of the current compiling pad name at offset po. Must be a valid name. Returns null if not typed. HV * PAD_COMPNAME_TYPE (PADOFFSET po) PadnameIsOUR Whether this is an "our" variable. bool PadnameIsOUR(PADNAME pn) PadnameIsSTATE Whether this is a "state" variable. bool PadnameIsSTATE(PADNAME pn) PadnameOURSTASH The stash in which this "our" variable was declared. HV * PadnameOURSTASH() PadnameOUTER Whether this entry belongs to an outer pad. Entries for which this is true are often referred to as 'fake'. bool PadnameOUTER(PADNAME pn) PadnameTYPE The stash associated with a typed lexical. This returns the %Foo:: hash for my Foo \$bar. HV * PadnameTYPE (PADNAME pn) PAD RESTORE LOCAL Restore the old pad saved into the local variable opad by PAD_SAVE_LOCAL() void PAD_RESTORE_LOCAL (PAD *opad) PAD_SAVE_LOCAL Save the current pad to the local variable opad, then make the current pad equal to npad void PAD_SAVE_LOCAL(PAD *opad, PAD *npad) PAD_SAVE_SETNULLPAD Save the current pad then set it to null. void PAD_SAVE_SETNULLPAD() PAD_SETSV Set the slot at offset po in the current pad to sv SV * PAD_SETSV(PADOFFSET po, SV* sv) PAD SET CUR Set the current pad to be pad n in the padlist, saving the previous current pad. NB currently this macro expands to a string too long for some compilers, so it's best to replace it with

SAVECOMPPAD();
PAD_SET_CUR_NOSAVE(padlist,n);

void PAD_SET_CUR(PADLIST padlist, I32 n)

PAD_SET_CUR_NOSAVE

like PAD_SET_CUR, but without the save

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void PAD_SET_CUR_NOSAVE(PADLIST padlist, I32 n)
```

PAD_SV Get the value at offset po in the current pad

SV * PAD_SV (PADOFFSET po)

PAD SV1

Lightweight and lvalue version of PAD_SV. Get or set the value at offset po in the current pad. Unlike PAD_SV, does not print diagnostics with -DX. For internal use only.

SV * PAD_SV1 (PADOFFSET po)

SAVECLEARSV

Clear the pointed to pad value on scope exit. (i.e. the runtime action of my)

void SAVECLEARSV(SV **svp)

SAVECOMPPAD

save PL_comppad and PL_curpad

void SAVECOMPPAD()

SAVEPADSV

Save a pad slot (used to restore after an iteration)

XXX DAPM it would make more sense to make the arg a PADOFFSET void SAVEPADSV(PADOFFSET po)

Per-Interpreter Variables

PL_DBsingle

When Perl is run in debugging mode, with the -d switch, this SV is a boolean which indicates whether subs are being single-stepped. Single-stepping is automatically turned on after every step. This is the C variable which corresponds to Perl's DB::single variable. See "PL_DBsub".

SV * PL_DBsingle

PL_DBsub

When Perl is run in debugging mode, with the -d switch, this GV contains the SV which holds the name of the sub being debugged. This is the C variable which corresponds to Perl's DB::sub variable. See "PL_DBsingle".

GV * PL_DBsub

PL_DBtrace

Trace variable used when Perl is run in debugging mode, with the **-d** switch. This is the C variable which corresponds to Perl's \$DB::trace variable. See "PL_DBsingle".

SV * PL_DBtrace

PL_dowarn

The C variable that roughly corresponds to Perl's \$^W warning variable. However, \$^W is treated as a boolean, whereas PL_dowarn is a collection of flag bits.

U8 PL_dowarn

PL_last_in_gv

The GV which was last used for a filehandle input operation. (<FH>)

GV* PL_last_in_gv

PL_ofsgv

The glob containing the output field separator -*, in Perl space.

GV* PL_ofsgv

PL_rs The input record separator - \$/ in Perl space.

SV* PL_rs

Stack Manipulation Macros

djSP Declare Just SP. This is actually identical to dSP, and declares a local copy of perl's stack pointer, available via the SP macro. See "SP" in perlapi(1) (Available for backward source code compatibility with the old (Perl 5.005) thread model.)

djSP;

LVRET True if this op will be the return value of an lvalue subroutine

SV-Body Allocation

sv_2num

NOTE: this function is experimental and may change or be removed without notice.

Return an SV with the numeric value of the source SV, doing any necessary reference or overload conversion. The caller is expected to have handled get-magic already.

SV* sv_2num(SV *const sv)

SV Manipulation Functions

An SV (or AV, HV, etc.) is allocated in two parts: the head (struct sv, av, hv...) contains type and reference count information, and for many types, a pointer to the body (struct xrv, xpv, xpviv...), which contains fields specific to each type. Some types store all they need in the head, so don't have a body.

In all but the most memory-paranoid configurations (ex: PURIFY), heads and bodies are allocated out of arenas, which by default are approximately 4K chunks of memory parcelled up into N heads or bodies. Sv-bodies are allocated by their sv-type, guaranteeing size consistency needed to allocate safely from arrays.

For SV-heads, the first slot in each arena is reserved, and holds a link to the next arena, some flags, and a note of the number of slots. Snaked through each arena chain is a linked list of free items; when this becomes empty, an extra arena is allocated and divided up into N items which are threaded into the free list.

SV-bodies are similar, but they use arena-sets by default, which separate the link and info from the arena itself, and reclaim the 1st slot in the arena. SV-bodies are further described later.

The following global variables are associated with arenas:

PL_sv_arenaroot	pointer to list of SV arenas
PL_sv_root	pointer to list of free SV structures
PL_body_arenas PL_body_roots[]	head of linked-list of body arenas array of pointers to list of free bodies of svtype arrays are indexed by the svtype needed

A few special SV heads are not allocated from an arena, but are instead directly created in the interpreter structure, eg PL_sv_undef. The size of arenas can be changed from the default by setting PERL_ARENA_SIZE appropriately at compile time.

The SV arena serves the secondary purpose of allowing still-live SVs to be located and destroyed during final cleanup.

At the lowest level, the macros **new_SV()** and **del_SV()** grab and free an SV head. (If debugging with –DD, **del_SV()** calls the function **S_del_sv()** to return the SV to the free list with error checking.)

new_SV() calls **more_sv()** / **sv_add_arena()** to add an extra arena if the free list is empty. SVs in the free list have their SvTYPE field set to all ones.

At the time of very final cleanup, **sv_free_arenas**() is called from **perl_destruct**() to physically free all the arenas allocated since the start of the interpreter.

The function **visit**() scans the SV arenas list, and calls a specified function for each SV it finds which is still live – ie which has an SvTYPE other than all 1's, and a non-zero SvREFCNT. **visit**() is used by the following functions (specified as [function that calls **visit**()] / [function called by **visit**() for each SV]):

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sv_report_used() / do_report_used()
                    dump all remaining SVs (debugging aid)
sv_clean_objs() / do_clean_objs(), do_clean_named_objs(),
                  do_clean_named_io_objs(), do_curse()
                    Attempt to free all objects pointed to by RVs,
                    try to do the same for all objects indir-
                    ectly referenced by typeglobs too, and
                    then do a final sweep, cursing any
                    objects that remain. Called once from
                    perl_destruct(), prior to calling sv_clean_all()
                    below.
sv_clean_all() / do_clean_all()
                    SvREFCNT_dec(sv) each remaining SV, possibly
                    triggering an sv_free(). It also sets the
                    SVf_BREAK flag on the SV to indicate that the
                    refcnt has been artificially lowered, and thus
                    stopping sv_free() from giving spurious warnings
                    about SVs which unexpectedly have a refent
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sv_add_arena

Given a chunk of memory, link it to the head of the list of arenas, and split it into a list of free SVs.

until there are no SVs left.

of zero. called repeatedly from perl_destruct()

sv_clean_all

Decrement the refering of each remaining SV, possibly triggering a cleanup. This function may have to be called multiple times to free SVs which are in complex self-referential hierarchies.

I32 sv_clean_all()

sv_clean_objs

Attempt to destroy all objects not yet freed.

void sv_clean_objs()

sv_free_arenas

Deallocate the memory used by all arenas. Note that all the individual SV heads and bodies within the arenas must already have been freed.

void sv_free_arenas()

SvTHINKFIRST

A quick flag check to see whether an sv should be passed to sv_force_normal to be "downgraded" before SvIVX or SvPVX can be modified directly.

For example, if your scalar is a reference and you want to modify the SvIVX slot, you can't just

do SvROK_off, as that will leak the referent.

This is used internally by various sv-modifying functions, such as sv_setsv, sv_setiv and sv_pvn_force.

One case that this does not handle is a gv without SvFAKE set. After

if (SvTHINKFIRST(gv)) sv_force_normal(gv);

it will still be a gv.

SvTHINKFIRST sometimes produces false positives. In those cases sv_force_normal does nothing.

U32 SvTHINKFIRST(SV *sv)

Unicode Support

find_uninit_var

NOTE: this function is experimental and may change or be removed without notice.

Find the name of the undefined variable (if any) that caused the operator to issue a "Use of uninitialized value" warning. If match is true, only return a name if its value matches uninit_sv. So roughly speaking, if a unary operator (such as OP_COS) generates a warning, then following the direct child of the op may yield an OP_PADSV or OP_GV that gives the name of the undefined variable. On the other hand, with OP_ADD there are two branches to follow, so we only print the variable name if we get an exact match. desc_p points to a string pointer holding the description of the op. This may be updated if needed.

The name is returned as a mortal SV.

Assumes that PL_op is the OP that originally triggered the error, and that PL_comppad/PL_curpad points to the currently executing pad.

isSCRIPT_RUN

Returns a bool as to whether or not the sequence of bytes from s up to but not including send form a "script run". utf8_target is TRUE iff the sequence starting at s is to be treated as UTF-8. To be precise, except for two degenerate cases given below, this function returns TRUE iff all code points in it come from any combination of three "scripts" given by the Unicode "Script Extensions" property: Common, Inherited, and possibly one other. Additionally all decimal digits must come from the same consecutive sequence of 10.

For example, if all the characters in the sequence are Greek, or Common, or Inherited, this function will return TRUE, provided any decimal digits in it are the ASCII digits "0"..."9". For scripts (unlike Greek) that have their own digits defined this will accept either digits from that set or from 0..9, but not a combination of the two. Some scripts, such as Arabic, have more than one set of digits. All digits must come from the same set for this function to return TRUE.

*ret_script, if ret_script is not NULL, will on return of TRUE contain the script found, using the SCX_enum typedef. Its value will be SCX_INVALID if the function returns FALSE.

If the sequence is empty, TRUE is returned, but *ret_script (if asked for) will be SCX_INVALID.

If the sequence contains a single code point which is unassigned to a character in the version of Unicode being used, the function will return TRUE, and the script will be SCX_Unknown. Any other combination of unassigned code points in the input sequence will result in the function treating the input as not being a script run.

The returned script will be SCX_Inherited iff all the code points in it are from the Inherited

STRLEN len)

script.

Otherwise, the returned script will be SCX_Common iff all the code points in it are from the Inherited or Common scripts.

is_utf8_non_invariant_string

Returns TRUE if "is_utf8_invariant_string" in perlapi(1) returns FALSE for the first len bytes of the string s, but they are, nonetheless, legal Perl-extended UTF-8; otherwise returns FALSE.

A TRUE return means that at least one code point represented by the sequence either is a wide character not representable as a single byte, or the representation differs depending on whether the sequence is encoded in UTF–8 or not.

report_uninit

Print appropriate "Use of uninitialized variable" warning.

void report_uninit(const SV *uninit_sv)

variant_under_utf8_count

This function looks at the sequence of bytes between s and e, which are assumed to be encoded in ASCII/Latin1, and returns how many of them would change should the string be translated into UTF-8. Due to the nature of UTF-8, each of these would occupy two bytes instead of the single one in the input string. Thus, this function returns the precise number of bytes the string would expand by when translated to UTF-8.

Unlike most of the other functions that have utf8 in their name, the input to this function is NOT a UTF-8-encoded string. The function name is slightly *odd* to emphasize this.

This function is internal to Perl because khw thinks that any XS code that would want this is probably operating too close to the internals. Presenting a valid use case could change that.

Undocumented functions

The following functions are currently undocumented. If you use one of them, you may wish to consider creating and submitting documentation for it.

PerIIO_restore_errno PerIIO_save_errno PerILIO_dup2_cloexec PerILIO_dup_cloexec PerILIO_open3_cloexec PerILIO_open_cloexec PerIProc_pipe_cloexec PerISock_accept_cloexec PerISock_socket_cloexec PerISock_socketpair_cloexec

Slab_Alloc Slab_Free Slab_to_ro Slab_to_rw add range to invlist _byte_dump_string _core_swash_init _get_regclass_nonbitmap_data _get_swash_invlist _inverse_folds _invlistEQ _invlist_array_init _invlist_contains_cp _invlist_dump _invlist_intersection _invlist_intersection_maybe_complement_2nd _invlist_invert _invlist_len _invlist_populate_swatch _invlist_search _invlist_subtract _invlist_union _invlist_union_maybe_complement_2nd _is_grapheme _is_in_locale_category _mem_collxfrm new invlist _new_invlist_C_array _setup_canned_invlist _swash_to_invlist _to_fold_latin1 _to_upper_title_latin1 _warn_problematic_locale abort_execution add_cp_to_invlist alloc_LOGOP alloc_maybe_populate_EXACT allocmy amagic_is_enabled append_utf8_from_native_byte apply av_extend_guts av_nonelem av_reify bind_match boot_core_PerlIO boot_core_UNIVERSAL boot_core_mro cando check_utf8_print ck_anoncode ck_backtick

ck_bitop ck_cmp ck_concat ck_defined ck_delete ck_each ck_entersub_args_core ck_eof ck_eval ck_exec ck_exists ck_ftst ck_fun ck_glob ck_grep ck_index ck_join ck_length ck_lfun ck_listiob ck_match ck_method ck_null ck_open ck_prototype ck_readline ck_refassign ck_repeat ck_require ck_return ck_rfun ck_rvconst ck_sassign ck_select ck_shift ck_smartmatch ck_sort ck_spair ck_split ck_stringify ck_subr ck_substr ck_svconst ck_tell ck_trunc closest_cop compute_EXACTish coresub_op create_eval_scope croak_caller croak_no_mem croak_popstack

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yyquit yyunlex

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SEE ALSO

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