

# PERL BLESS FUNCTION

## Description

This function tells the entity referenced by REF that it is now an object in the CLASSNAME package, or the current package if CLASSNAME is omitted. Use of the two-argument form of bless is recommended.

## Syntax

Following is the simple syntax for this function –

```
bless REF, CLASSNAME  
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```

## Return Value

This function returns the reference to an object blessed into CLASSNAME.

## Example

Following is the example code showing its basic usage, the object reference is created by blessing a reference to the package's class –

```
#!/usr/bin/perl  
  
package Person;  
sub new  
{  
    my $class = shift;  
    my $self = {  
        _firstName => shift,  
        _lastName  => shift,  
        _ssn       => shift,  
    };  
    # Print all the values just for clarification.  
    print "First Name is $self->{_firstName}\n";  
    print "Last Name is $self->{_lastName}\n";  
    print "SSN is $self->{_ssn}\n";  
    bless $self, $class;  
    return $self;  
}
```