

# PERL KEYS FUNCTION

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## Description

This function returns all the keys of the HASH as a list. The keys are returned in random order but, in fact, share the same order as that used by values and each.

## Syntax

Following is the simple syntax for this function –

```
keys HASH
```

## Return Value

This function returns number of keys in the hash in scalar context and list of keys in list context.

## Example

Following is the example code showing its basic usage –

```
#!/usr/bin/perl

%hash = ( 'One' => 1,
          'Two'  => 2,
          'Three'=> 3,
          'Four' => 4);

@values = values( %hash );
print("Values are ", join("-", @values), "\n");

@keys = keys( %hash );
print("Keys are ", join("-", @keys), "\n");
```

When above code is executed, it produces the following result –

```
Values are 4-3-2-1
Keys are Four-Three-Two-One
```