

PERL READLINE FUNCTION

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Description

This function reads a line from the filehandle referred to by `EXPR`, returning the result. If you want to use a `FILEHANDLE` directly, it must be passed as a typeglob.

Simply `readline` function is equivalent to `<>`.

Syntax

Following is the simple syntax for this function –

```
readline EXPR
```

Return Value

This function returns only one line in a scalar context and in a list context, a list of line up to end-of-file is returned

Example

Following is the example code showing its basic usage –

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w

my($buffer) = "";
open(FILE, "/etc/services") or
    die("Error reading file, stopped");

$buffer = <FILE>;
print("$buffer");

$buffer = readline( *FILE );
print("$buffer");

close(FILE);
```

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

```
# /etc/services:
# $Id: services,v 1.33 2003/03/14 16:41:47 notting Exp $
```