

PERL SYSTEM FUNCTION

Description

This function executes the command specified by PROGRAM, passing LIST as arguments to the command.

The return value is the exit status of the program as returned by the wait function. To obtain the actual exit value, divide by 256.

Syntax

Following is the simple syntax for this function –

```
system PROGRAM, LIST  
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```

Return Value

This function returns exit status of program as returned by wait function.

Example

Following is the example code showing its basic usage –

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w  
system("ls -F /var > /tmp/t.tmp");
```

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

```
A file in /tmp directory, check it out.
```