

Read; Eval;
Print; Loop;

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REPL

- Other scripting languages (famously Python) have an “**Interactive Shell**”
- **Read** one line; **Evaluate** the code; **Print** the result of the statement; **Loop**;
- This is great for rapid, iterative testing and development (e.g. exploring APIs)

REPL in Perl

- The grand-daddy: **perl -d -e 1**
- The big daddy: **Devel::REPL**
- The new kid on the block: **Reply**
- Usually we have features such as plugins, profiles, and init scripts

Reply

- Created in 2013
- Quite lightweight (no Moose/Moo/etc)
- Ships with nice plugins
- I suggest you add:
 - `Term::ReadLine::Zoid` ("export PERL_RL=Zoid")
 - `B::Keywords`
 - `Class::Refresh`

.replyrc

```
script_line1 = use strict  
script_line2 = use warnings  
script_line3 = use 5.016002
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```
[AutoRefresh]  
[Interrupt]  
[FancyPrompt]  
[DataPrinter]  
[Colors]  
[ReadLine]  
[Hints]  
[Packages]  
[LexicalPersistence]  
[ResultCache]  
[Timer]  
[Autocomplete::Packages]  
[Autocomplete::Keywords]  
[Autocomplete::Lexicals]  
[Autocomplete::Functions]  
[Autocomplete::Globals]  
[Autocomplete::Methods]  
[Autocomplete::Commands]
```

Demo