

# **1 Contribute by Sharing Code**

## 1.1 Description

Your Perl and mod\_perl know-how is more than welcome as contributions to Apache modules or to mod\_perl itself.

## 1.2 mod\_perl Patches

If you have modified the mod\_perl source code, improved and extended it, please submit your modifications back to the mod\_perl community so others will be able to enjoy your efforts.

If you are trying to extend mod\_perl, but don't have enough tuits/knowledge to accomplish this by yourself you can ask the mod\_perl developers to help you. But make sure that you clearly explain what you want to do and provide code samples if possible.

## 1.3 Complete Modules

If you have developed a third-party mod\_perl module, consider submitting it to CPAN (<http://cpan.org/>). Other than sharing your works, chances are that the code will receive a lot of attention from other users. This usually leads to more robust code and interface, as it gets reviewed and improved by its users. In some cases new features are submitted as patches, so you benefit from others sharing their works with you.

Before submitting a new `Apache::` module to CPAN, please discuss it first on the mod\_perl list. It's important to choose a good intuitive name for your module. Also it's possible that a module with similar functionality already exists and most likely that someone will point it out. In which case you may want to help developing this existing module instead and integrating your features into it.

## 1.4 Code Snippets

If you have some neat code snippets, please send them to the mailing list. If you are kind enough to annotate these, they could probably fit into mod\_perl documentation. At least they will be archived in the mailing list archive and in the future users will be able to find your code and reuse it.

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