1 How to pronounce mod_perl
1.1 Description

Do you think that "mod_perl" is a strange name and wondering about how to pronounce it?

1.2 "mod_perl"

Over the years there have been many people complaining about "mod_perl" being an unsuitable name for this product and it’s hard to "sell it" to their bosses. However, the name has a long tradition and is here to stay.

The "mod_" part comes from the prefix all Apache modules have: mod_rewrite, mod_dir, etc. If you look at the DSO filenames you’ll see that they are all like "mod_XXX.so". This is also the case for mod_perl.

As for the "perl" part, the origin is pretty obvious.

The name is straight to the point and clearly describes what the application does. Those who have requested a change of name have never obtained it, often for the simple reason that "If you can’t sell mod_perl to your boss based on its technical merits, the name is the least of your worries".

1.3 Pronunciation

One issue still remains: how are we supposed to pronounce this name?

In phonetic (AHD, see [http://www.dictionary.com/help/ahd4/pronkey.html](http://www.dictionary.com/help/ahd4/pronkey.html)), mod_perl looks like:

môd-pûrl

The underscore marks a slight pause between the "mod" and "perl" parts.

Below we have collected recordings of mod_perl developers around the globe pronouncing mod_perl.

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