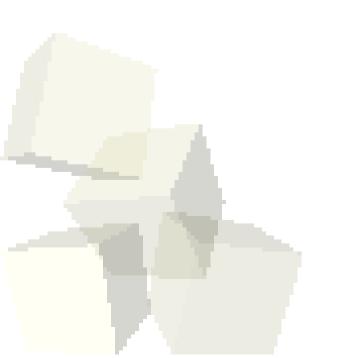
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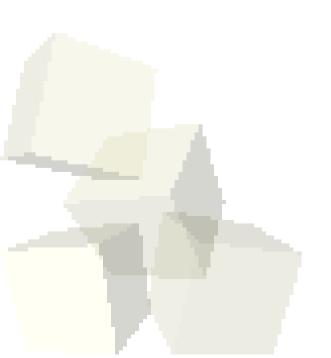


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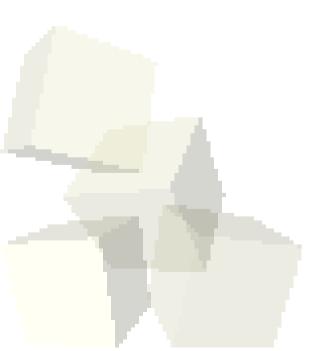
Opening Discussion

Do you have any questions about any aspect of the class at this point?



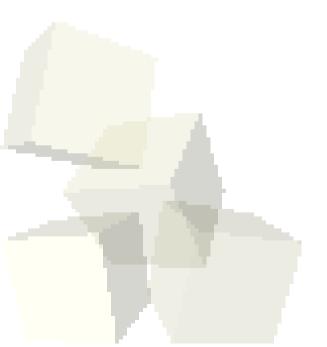
Recap of Last Class

- What can you tell me about Perl?
 - Variables and types
 - Comments
 - Syntax



Files

- The open and close commands are used to open and close files.
 - open(FILE_HANDLE,\$filename);
 - close FILE_HANDLE;
- Putting a file handle in angle braces, <...>, will read from that file.

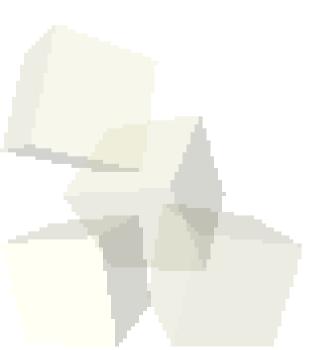


Arrays/Lists

- List literals are specified with parentheses and have the values inside separated by commas.
- Array variables are prefixed with @, but only when referring to the whole list.
- We get out elements with []. Because we are pulling out a single scalar the variable is preceded with a \$.
- Negative indexes count back from the end of the list.
- Push and pop.
- Reverse and sort.

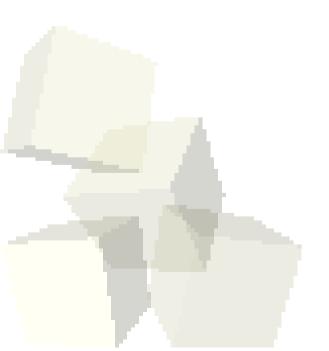
Context

- How Perl interprets many statements depends on the context. Normally scalar vs. list context.
- If you read a file in a scalar context it will give you back one line from the file. If you read it in a list context it will give you a list with all the lines.



Problems

■ Let's continue to play around in Perl and do some reading from files to see how different things work.





Closing Remarks

■ Projects due Friday.

