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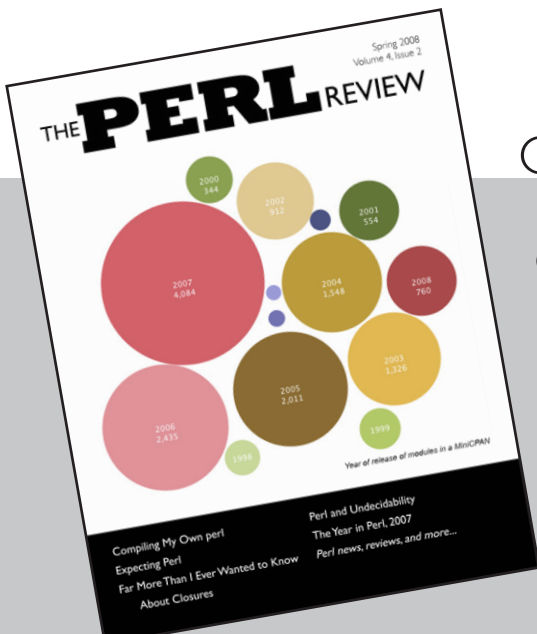
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ON THE COVER



On this month's cover, we have a bubble plot of the year of release of distributions in a recent MiniCPAN, as shown by a visualization in IBM's "many eyes" service (<http://tinyurl.com/2ymfsb>). This plot shows that most of the distributions are fairly recent; the biggest bubble is from 2007, and the bubble for 2008 is fairly large even though this plot was created at the end of January. Visit the Perl topic hub on many eyes for more data sets and visualizations (<http://tinyurl.com/yraud>).