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## ***Red Hat Enterprise Linux Release 9.2 Manual Pages on 'parent.3pm' command***

***\$ man parent.3pm***

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### NAME

parent - Establish an ISA relationship with base classes at compile time

### SYNOPSIS

```
package Baz;  
use parent qw(Foo Bar);
```

### DESCRIPTION

Allows you to both load one or more modules, while setting up inheritance from those modules at the same time. Mostly similar in effect to

```
package Baz;  
BEGIN {  
    require Foo;  
    require Bar;  
    push @ISA, qw(Foo Bar);  
}
```

By default, every base class needs to live in a file of its own. If

you want to have a subclass and its parent class in the same file, you can tell "parent" not to load any modules by using the "-norequire" switch:

```
package Foo;
sub exclaim { "I CAN HAS PERL" }

package DoesNotLoadFooBar;
use parent -norequire, 'Foo', 'Bar';
# will not go looking for Foo.pm or Bar.pm
```

This is equivalent to the following code:

```
package Foo;
sub exclaim { "I CAN HAS PERL" }

package DoesNotLoadFooBar;
push @DoesNotLoadFooBar::ISA, 'Foo', 'Bar';
```

This is also helpful for the case where a package lives within a differently named file:

```
package MyHash;
use Tie::Hash;
use parent -norequire, 'Tie::StdHash';
```

This is equivalent to the following code:

```
package MyHash;
require Tie::Hash;
push @ISA, 'Tie::StdHash';
```

If you want to load a subclass from a file that "require" would not

consider an eligible filename (that is, it does not end in either ".pm" or ".pmc"), use the following code:

```
package MySecondPlugin;
require './plugins/custom.plugin'; # contains Plugin::Custom
use parent -norequire, 'Plugin::Custom';
```

## HISTORY

This module was forked from base to remove the cruft that had accumulated in it.

## CAVEATS

### SEE ALSO

base

parent::versioned

A fork of parent that provides version checking in parent class modules.

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