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* Aidan Kehoe wrote:

Spamassassin, one of the few widely useful and deployed natural language processing applications, was written entirely in Perl. I'm not aware of any natural language processing applications written in Prolog or Lisp that have served a useful purpose beyond a) absorbing research grant money or b) proving that Prolog, Lisp and traditional computational linguistics approaches are ill-suited to natural language processing.

Perl is good for surface-processing of written language. But since even objects are awkward in Perl, it is ill suited for deeper (e.g. grammatical or semantic) analysis.

Spamassassin doesn't use significant linguistic information, AFAIK.

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Strategy: A long-range plan whose merit cannot be evaluated until sometime after those creating it have left the organization.

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