

## NAME

B::Terse - Walk Perl syntax tree, printing terse info about ops

## SYNOPSIS

```
perl -MO=Terse[,OPTIONS] foo.pl
```

## DESCRIPTION

This version of B::Terse is really just a wrapper that calls B::Concise with the **-terse** option. It is provided for compatibility with old scripts (and habits) but using B::Concise directly is now recommended instead.

For compatibility with the old B::Terse, this module also adds a method named `terse` to B::OP and B::SV objects. The B::SV method is largely compatible with the old one, though authors of new software might be advised to choose a more user-friendly output format. The B::OP `terse` method, however, doesn't work well. Since B::Terse was first written, much more information in OPs has migrated to the scratchpad datastructure, but the `terse` interface doesn't have any way of getting to the correct pad. As a kludge, the new version will always use the pad for the main program, but for OPs in subroutines this will give the wrong answer or crash.

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