

PEL Quick Access Topics Index

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GNU Emacs Reference Cards

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With PEL, access these PDF cards from within Emacs with the `<f11> ? e r` key sequence. See [Help/Info](#) for more info.

Links to PDF version of official English version of the quick reference cards for [GNU Emacs](#) and popular external packages.

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This table holds links to all other [PEL topic oriented PDF table files](#) (hosted on Github).

👉 For best user experience, use a browser like [Firefox](#) that can render PDF directly instead of downloading: all PDFs are heavily hyperlinked.

👉 From within Emacs open this topic index PDF by typing the `<f11> ? <f1>` key sequence. More help topics with `<f11> ? p` keys.

👉 The symbols, [colour coding](#) and various other conventions are described in the [➤Legend](#) PDF.

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OS Desktop Key Bindings

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➤ Emacs Features

- [Emacs Manual](#)
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- [Emacs Lisp Manual](#)

- [Emacs Docs: Emacs](#)
- [Emacs Lisp](#)
- [Mastering Emacs](#)
- [Awesome-Emacs](#)
- [MELPA](#) and [GNU ELPA](#)

The tables listed at right describe Emacs commands & key bindings for concepts & features. The cell is light-blue for major mode, light-red for minor mode specific concepts. Grey cells are links into other pages for important concepts.

Emacs commands can be executed by name or bound to key sequences. They describe the commands, their arguments and the key sequences bound to them.

- [Emacs Keys](#)
- [Numeric Arguments](#)

You can also:

- [Run Command by Name](#)

Emacs uses a concept of modes:

- [Emacs Major and Minor Modes](#)

- [Major Modes](#)

- [Minor Modes](#)

- [Choosing Modes](#)

PEL provides several key sequences to toggle minor modes.

Cells link titles starting with only [➤](#) are Emacs generic features, blue links are external packages. The green links are mostly PEL extensions.

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➤Autosave/Backup	➤Drawing	➤Highlight (colors)	➤Mode Line	➤start Shells/REPLs	➤Time Stamps
➤Bookmarks	➤Eldoc	➤ibuffer-mode	➤Mouse	➤shell-mode	➤Time Tracking
➤Buffers	➤Enriched Text	➤Indentation	➤Narrowing	➤term-mode	➤Tramp
➤Case Conversions	➤Execute Cmds	➤Input Method	➤Navigation	➤eat-mode	➤Transpose text
➤Close/Suspend	➤Exec Shell Cmds	➤Inserting Text	➤Object Files	➤vterm-mode	➤Treetemacs
➤Comments	➤Faces/Fonts	➤Key-Chords	➤Outline	➤Smartparens	➤Tree Sitter
➤Compilation Mode	➤Fast Startup	➤Keyboard Macros	➤Packages	➤Sorting	➤Undo/Redo/Repeat
➤Completion/Input	➤File Encoding	➤Lisp - Magit	➤Programming	➤Speech To Text	➤VCs-Git - Magit
➤Counting	➤File-mngt	➤Logging key strokes	➤Project Tools	➤Speedbar	➤VCS-Mercurial
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Build Tools

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Data Serialization & Configuration

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Modelling

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[➤snmp-mode](#)

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Other File Formats

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[➤Changelog Files](#)

Config/ini/toml... Files

[➤Log Files](#)

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[➤ssh](#)

[➤RPM Files](#)

(spec file format)

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Hardware Description Languages

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Programming Languages Major Modes

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