




# RPM & RPM .specs Files Management & Decoding Support

Description	Keystroke	Function	Note
<b>RPM Package Manager Files</b> o <a href="#">Edit .rpm files</a> o <a href="#">Edit RPM .spec file</a> • <a href="#">rpmlint .spec file</a> • <a href="#">build the RPM</a> o <a href="#">RPM references</a> See <a href="#">RPM Spec file format</a> See <a href="#">File-mnngt</a> ➡	The following external package provides the ability to work with Linux RPM package and specification files. PEL supports the following: 📦 The <a href="#">archive-rpm</a> external package, <a href="#">🔌</a> activated by <b>pel-use-archive-rpm</b> user-option set to <b>t</b> . Setting this automatically sets the next. This mode provides the ability to open a .rpm file to display its meta data and each of the compressed files. 📦 The <a href="#">rpm-spec-mode</a> external package, <a href="#">🔌</a> activated by <b>pel-use-rpm-spec-mode</b> user-option set to <b>t</b> . This implements a major-mode for the RPM .spec files: it provides coloration and navigation commands. 👉 Even though the RPM package Manager is mostly used under Linux, the packages here can be used under other Unix-like operating systems.  👉 The <b>pel-show-rpm-providing-file</b> command (bound to <b>&lt;f11&gt; f ? r</b> ) prints the name of the RPM that provided the file in the current buffer.		
<b>Open this PDF file.</b> See also: <a href="#">🔗 Help/Info</a>	<b>&lt;f11&gt; SPC M-R &lt;f1&gt;</b>  <b>&lt;f12&gt; &lt;f1&gt;</b>	<b>(pel-help-pdf</b> &optional OPEN-WEB-PAGE)	Open the <b>M Rpm</b> local PDF. If the prefix argument (like <b>C-u</b> or <b>M--</b> ) is used, then it opens the remote GitHub hosted raw PDF instead. If the <b>pel-flip-help-pdf-arg</b> user-option is set it's the other way around.
<b>Customize RPM Support</b> See also: <a href="#">🔗 Customize</a>	<b>&lt;f11&gt; SPC M-R &lt;f2&gt;</b>  <b>&lt;f12&gt; &lt;f2&gt;</b>	<b>(pel-rpm-customize-pel</b> &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize PEL rpm support. Use it to activate/de-activate various grep tools. • If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use <b>C-u</b> ), display in other window.
<b>Editing .rpm files</b>	📦 Requires the <a href="#">archive-rpm</a> external package, <a href="#">🔌</a> activated by <b>pel-use-archive-rpm</b> user-option set to <b>t</b> .		
<b>Help - summary of available commands</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>?</b></li><li>• <b>h</b></li><li>• <b>C-h m</b></li><li>• <b>&lt;f1&gt; m</b></li><li>• <b>&lt;f11&gt; ? k m</b></li></ul>	<b>(describe-mode</b> &optional BUFFER)	Display documentation of current major mode and minor modes.
<b>Mark file for later command</b>	<b>m</b>	<b>(archive-mark P)</b>	In archive mode, mark this member for group operations. • With a prefix argument, mark that many members. • Use <b>M-x archive-unmark-all-files</b> to remove all marks.
<b>Unmark file</b>	<b>u</b>	<b>(archive-unflag P)</b>	In archive mode, un-mark this member if it is marked to be deleted. • With a prefix argument, un-mark that many files forward.
	<b>a</b>	<b>(archive-alternate-display)</b>	Toggle alternative display. To avoid very long lines archive mode does not show all information. This function changes the set of information shown for each files. ⚠️ this does not seem to work.
<b>View current file</b>	<b>v</b>	<b>(archive-view)</b>	View the file of the current line. No change allowed.
<b>Open current file</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>e</b></li><li>• <b>f</b></li><li>• <b>RET</b></li></ul>	<b>(archive-extract</b> &optional OTHER-WINDOW-P EVENT)	Extract this entry of the archive into its own buffer. • Modifications are allowed <b>but</b> saving them does not work. ⚠️
<b>Open current file in other window</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>E</b></li><li>• <b>o</b></li></ul>	<b>(archive-extract-other-window)</b>	In archive mode, find (open) this file member in another window.
<b>Copy file(s) to specified directory</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>(archive-copy-file</b> FILES NEW-NAME)	Copy FILES to a location specified by NEW-NAME. • Copy current file, prompting for destination. • If several files are marked, copy them all to the destination directory.
<b>Change group for marked files</b> 🔧	<b>G</b>	<b>(archive-chgrp-entry</b> NEW-GID)	Change the group of all marked or this member. ⚠️ this does not seem to work.
<b>Change mode</b> 🔧	<b>M</b>	<b>(archive-chmod-entry</b> NEW-MODE)	Change the protection bits associated with all marked or this member. The new protection bits can either be specified as an octal number or as a relative change like "g+rw" as for chmod(2). ⚠️ this does not seem to work.
<b>Change owner</b> 🔧	<b>O</b>	<b>(archive-chown-entry</b> NEW-UID)	Change the owner of all marked or this member. ⚠️ this does not seem to work.
<b>Mark file for deletion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>d</b></li><li>• <b>C-d</b></li></ul>	<b>(archive-flag-deleted P</b> &optional TYPE)	In archive mode, mark this member to be deleted from the archive. • With a prefix argument, mark that many files.
<b>Delete all files marked for deletion</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>(archive-expunge)</b>	After prompting for confirmation, delete all files marked for deletion.
<b>Navigate in RPM-Archive buffer</b>	The following commands select a new file line in the buffer.		
<b>Move down one line</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>SPC</b></li><li>• <b>n</b></li><li>• <b>C-n</b></li><li>• <b>&lt;Down&gt;</b></li></ul>	<b>(archive-next-line P)</b>	Down one line. • With numeric prefix argument, move down that many lines.
<b>Move up one line</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>S-SPC</b></li><li>• <b>p</b></li><li>• <b>C-p</b></li><li>• <b>&lt;Up&gt;</b></li></ul>	<b>(archive-previous-line P)</b>	Up one line. • With numeric prefix argument, move up that many lines.
<b>Move to beginning of buffer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>&lt;</b></li><li>• <b>M-&lt;</b></li></ul>	<b>(beginning-of-buffer</b> &optional ARG)	Move point to the beginning of buffer.
<b>Move to end of buffer</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>&gt;</b></li><li>• <b>M-&gt;</b></li></ul>	<b>(end-of-buffer</b> &optional ARG)	Move point to the end of buffer.
<b>Refresh buffer</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>(revert-buffer</b> &optional IGNORE-AUTO NOCONFIRM PRESERVE-MODES)	Refresh buffer.
<b>Quit</b>	<b>q</b>	<b>(quit-window</b> &optional KILL WINDOW)	Quit Rpm-Archive and bury the window.

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<b>Editing RPM .spec files</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>RPM Spec File Format</li><li>RPM Packaging Guide</li><li>RPM Spec File @ Red Hat</li></ul>	 Requires the <a href="#">rpm-spec-mode</a> external package,  activated by <a href="#">pel-use-rpm-spec-mode</a> user-option set to <a href="#">t</a> .  PEL is currently using my fork, installed as a single file. The code in the original repo does not compile with latest version of Emacs.		
Open this PDF file. See also: <a href="#">🔗 Help/Info</a>	<a href="#">&lt;f12&gt;</a> <a href="#">&lt;f1&gt;</a>	<a href="#">(pel-rpm-help &amp;optional OPEN-WEB-PAGE)</a>	Open the <a href="#">M Rpm</a> local PDF. If the prefix argument (like <a href="#">C-u</a> or <a href="#">M--</a> ) is used, then it opens the remote GitHub hosted raw PDF instead. If the <a href="#">pel-flip-help-pdf-arg</a> user-option is set it's the other way around.
Customize RPM Support See also: <a href="#">🔗 Customize</a>	<a href="#">&lt;f11&gt;</a> <a href="#">SPC M-R</a> <a href="#">&lt;f2&gt;</a>	<a href="#">(pel-rpm-customize-pel &amp;optional OTHER-WINDOW)</a>	Customize PEL rpm support. Use it to activate/de-activate various grep tools. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use <a href="#">C-u</a>), display in other window.</li></ul>
	<a href="#">&lt;f12&gt;</a> <a href="#">&lt;f2&gt;</a>		
Customize Emacs Grep Support	<a href="#">&lt;f12&gt;</a> <a href="#">&lt;f3&gt;</a>	<a href="#">(pel-rpm-spec-customize &amp;optional OTHER-WINDOW)</a>	Customize Emacs rpm-spec support. Prompt to load rpm-spec if not already loaded.
Configure			
Toggle adding %attr entry	<a href="#">C-c C-x a</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-toggle-add-attr &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Toggle 'rpm-spec-add-attr' user-option. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>When active: Add "<a href="#">%attr</a>" entry for file listings.</li></ul>
Change build root	<a href="#">C-c C-x b</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-change-buildroot-option &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Change the value for buildroot user-option.
Toggle removing build tree	<a href="#">C-c C-x c</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-toggle-clean &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Toggle 'rpm-spec-clean' user-option. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>When on: remove the build tree after the packages are made.</li></ul>
Toggle verifying build dependencies	<a href="#">C-c C-x d</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-toggle-nodeps &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Toggle 'rpm-spec-nodeps' user-option. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>When off: verify build dependencies.</li></ul>
Change source directory	<a href="#">C-c C-x f</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-files-group &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Change the source directory.
Toggle embedding GPG signature	<a href="#">C-c C-x g</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-toggle-sign-gpg &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Toggle 'rpm-spec-sign-gpg' user-option. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>When on: embed a GPG signature in the package.</li></ul>
Change time check	<a href="#">C-c C-x i</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-change-timecheck-option &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Change the value for timecheck.
Toggle executing build stages	<a href="#">C-c C-x n</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-toggle-nobuild &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Toggle 'rpm-spec-nobuild' user-option. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>When on: do not execute any build stages. Useful for testing out spec files.</li></ul>
Change default owner	<a href="#">C-c C-x o</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-files-owner &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Change the default owner for files.
Toggle removal of source & spec after build	<a href="#">C-c C-x r</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-toggle-rmsource &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Toggle 'rpm-spec-rmsource' user-option. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>When on: remove the source and spec file after the packages are made.</li></ul>
Toggle quiet mode	<a href="#">C-c C-x q</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-toggle-quiet &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Toggle 'rpm-spec-quiet' user-option. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>When on: print as little as possible (normally only errors).</li></ul>
Toggle short circuit	<a href="#">C-c C-x s</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-toggle-short-circuit &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Toggle 'rpm-spec-short-circuit' user-option. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>When on: Skip straight to specified stage. (ie, skip all stages leading up to the specified stage). Only valid in "%build" and "%install" stage.</li></ul>
Change target	<a href="#">C-c C-x t</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-change-target-option &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Change the value for target.
Change default umask	<a href="#">C-c C-x u</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-files-umask &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Change the default umask for files.
Insert/Modify			
Change a tag	<a href="#">C-c C-c</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-change-tag &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Change a tag.
Insert/change a tag	<a href="#">C-c C-i</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-insert-tag &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Insert or change a tag.
Increate release tag by 1	<a href="#">C-c C-r</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-increase-release-tag &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Increase the release tag by 1.
Insert prefix	<a href="#">C-c C-u</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-insert-true-prefix)</a>	Insert <a href="#">%{prefix}</a> at point.
Insert directory	<a href="#">C-c C-d d</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-insert-dir &amp;optional DIRNAME)</a>	Insert directory.
Insert doc directory	<a href="#">C-c C-d o</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-insert-docdir &amp;optional DIRNAME)</a>	Insert doc directory.
Insert config file	<a href="#">C-c C-f c</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-insert-config &amp;optional FILENAME)</a>	Insert config file.
Insert doc file	<a href="#">C-c C-f d</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-insert-doc &amp;optional FILENAME)</a>	Insert doc file.
insert regular file	<a href="#">C-c C-f f</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-insert-file &amp;optional FILENAME)</a>	Insert regular file.
insert ghost file	<a href="#">C-c C-f g</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-insert-ghost &amp;optional FILENAME)</a>	Insert ghost file.
Goto change-log/ add entry for today	<a href="#">C-c C-e</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-add-change-log-entry &amp;optional CHANGE-LOG-ENTRY)</a>	Find change log and add an entry for today.
Goto change-log/ add header for today	<a href="#">C-c C-w</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-goto-add-change-log-entry)</a>	Goto change log and add an header for today (if needed).
Navigate across sections			
Move to specified section	<a href="#">C-c C-o</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-goto-section SECTION)</a>	Prompt for section name, move point to the beginning of the specified section; leave mark at previous location.
Move to next section	<a href="#">C-c C-n</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-forward-section)</a>	Move forward to the beginning of the next section.
Move to previous section	<a href="#">C-c C-p</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-backward-section)</a>	Move backward to the beginning of the previous section. Go to beginning of previous section.
Checking RPM Specs			
Run rpmlint	<a href="#">&lt;f12&gt;</a> <a href="#">1</a>	<a href="#">(pel-rpm-spec-lint)</a>	Lint the current RPM spec file with rpmlint, show errors in compilation-mode buffer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Uses PEL supplied <a href="#">awk filter</a> <a href="#">POSIX shell script</a> to format rpmlint output.</li></ul>
Building RPM			
Build all	<a href="#">• C-c C-b a</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-build-all &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Run a 'rpmbuild -ba'.
	<a href="#">• &lt;f12&gt;</a> <a href="#">b</a>	<a href="#">(pel-rpm-build)</a>	Build the RPM corresponding to current RPM spec file. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prompt for command line with <a href="#">rpmbuild -ba</a> as default, supporting history.</li><li>Create the ~/rpmbuild directory tree if needed.</li></ul>
Build binary	<a href="#">C-c C-b b</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-build-binary &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Run a 'rpmbuild -bb'.
Build compile	<a href="#">C-c C-b c</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-build-compile &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Run a 'rpmbuild -bc'.
Build install	<a href="#">C-c C-b i</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-build-install &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Run a 'rpmbuild -bi'.
List check	<a href="#">C-c C-b l</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-list-check &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Run a 'rpmbuild -bl'.
Build prepare	<a href="#">C-c C-b p</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-build-prepare &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Run a 'rpmbuild -bp'.
Build source	<a href="#">C-c C-b s</a>	<a href="#">(rpm-build-source &amp;optional ARG)</a>	Run a 'rpmbuild -bs'.

RPM — References

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RPM Package Manage @ Wikipedia	
RPM .spec file	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>RPM Spec File Format</li><li>RPM Packaging Guide</li><li>RPM Spec File @ Red Hat</li></ul>
HOWTO	
Download RPM files with dnf (without installing them)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>dnf download &lt;RPM&gt;</li><li>Use this to download and inspect the content of a specific RPM file.</li></ul>
Install a rpm from a local file	rpm -i <RPM FILE>
List all installed RPM	rpm -qa
List files installed by a RPM	rpm -ql <RPM> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Example: listing all directories created by all perl RPMs: rpm -qa   grep -i perl   xargs -l \$ rpm -ql \$   xargs -l \$ dirname \$   sort   uniq</li></ul>
Get information about a specific RPM	rpm -qi <RPM>
Identify the RPM package of an installed file	rpm -qf <FILE-FULL-PATHNAME> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PEL provides a command to display the RPM that "owns" the file in the current buffer: pel-show-rpm-providing-file See ⓘ File-mngt</li></ul>