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Description	Keystroke	Function	Note
Getting Help Emacs Built-in Help Describe keys Apropos help Key sequence help info Helpful, Log programming, extra, about man, woman Emacs bugs report PEL PDF Help	Emacs is a heavily documer and variables, the customize PEL supplements Emacs • See the <u>> Index</u> PDF • These PDFs have a lai • Type the <f12> <f1: <f11="" by="" default="" github="" oper="" pdf="" pel="" raw="" the="" type="" •=""> ?</f1:></f12>	ation system. You can search for help with a large set of topic—with has links to all PEL PDFs. The set of hyper links to each ot have sequence to open help for the local PDF file using the local step of the local PDF the values of the local PDF the loca	is accessible from within Emacs: the manuals, the info page, the docstrings of functions or manual, topic, command, function, variable, object names, values inside variables. specific PDF files such as this one (identified as E Help/Info). ther, to Emacs manual and external package home and description sites. or several major modes or <f11>? p for help on a specific topic. ocal PDF rendering application. You can force PEL to launch your default browser and open of pel-flip-help-pdf-arg or and/or pel-open-pdf-method user-options. ion group and change those.</f11>
With Emacs under SSH •	! When running Emacs un	der a SSH session PEL prevent	ts opening these PDF help files unless you set pel-help-under-ssh user-option to t.
Open this PDF file.	• <f11> ? <f1> • <f11> ? k <f1></f1></f11></f1></f11>	(pel-help-pdf &optional OPEN-WEB-PAGE)	Open the <u>Nelp/Info</u> local PDF. If the prefix argument (like C-u or M) is used, then it opens the remote GitHub hosted raw PDF instead. If the pel-flip-help-pdf-arg useroption is set it's the other way around.
<u>Sustomize</u> PEL Help Support	• <f11> ? <f2> • <f11> ? k <f2></f2></f11></f2></f11>	(pel-customize-pel &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize PEL help support and syntax tools. • If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in other window.
∑ Customize Emacs Help Support	• <f11> ? <f3> • <f11> ? k <f3></f3></f11></f3></f11>	(pel-customize-library &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize Emacs grep support. Groups: apropos, command-log, debbugs, help, helpful, hydra, interaction-log, keycast, man, which-func, which-key.
Emacs Reference Cards	_ '	and to open the local copy of th	Access customization group with <f11> ? <f2> less files if they are present. entify it in the pel-emacs-refcard-dirpath user option.</f2></f11>
Open local copy of <u>Emacs</u> <u>PDF reference card</u>	<f11> ? e r</f11>	(pel-open-emacs-refcard)	Prompt for an Emacs REFCARD and open it. Supports tab completion. • Attempts to find the directory where the Emacs PDF reference card files are stored. Otherwise uses the directory identified by the pel-emacs-refcard-dirpath user option.
Emacs Help System	As described above, Emacs	provides help for almost every	thing. The list of commands to access this information is shown in the following rows.
Prefix Keys		ther one keystroke like C-a or	M-b, or a key sequence that starts with a prefix, like C-x s, where C-x is the key prefix.
List all keys that belong to a prefix	• <prefix> C-h • <prefix> <f1></f1></prefix></prefix>		Type C-h (or <f1></f1>) after the prefix keystroke to list all key bindings that belong to that prefix. For example to list all C-x r keys, type C-x r C-h
Describe Help	The following commands dis	splay a description of the item t	the command requests. The information is displayed in a read-only *Help* buffer.
Show all key commands for this buffer	• C-h b • <f1> b</f1>	(describe-bindings &optional PREFIX BUFFER)	Display a buffer showing a list of all defined keys, and their definitions. The keys are displayed in order of precedence. With pel-use-helm-descbinds you can either bind these keys to helm-descbinds to use helm-descbinds-mode (bound to <f11>? k B to do it.</f11>
Toggle helm-descbinds mode	<f11> ? k B</f11>	(helm-descbinds-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle helm-descbings-mode on/off. When on, the C-h b and <f1> b keys invoke helm-descbinds to describe the key-bindings available in the current buffer using helm with its powerful search and filtering capabilities. To use the external helm-descbinds package is required. pel-use-helm-descbinds user-option can be set to install and activate it. Use <f11>? k <f2> to access the relevant customization buffer.</f2></f11></f1>
Help on key binding	• C-h k <keys> • <f1> k <keys></keys></f1></keys>	(describe-key &optional KEY UNTRANSLATED UP- EVENT)	Display documentation of the function invoked by KEY. KEY can be any kind of a key sequence; it can include keyboard events, mouse events, and/or menu events. Get binding for the typed <keystroke> in the current context. Displays the name of the command function, it's description, it's bindings.</keystroke>
Open Info manual describing the command for the specific key	• C-h K <keys> • <f1> K <keys></keys></f1></keys>	(Info-goto-emacs-key- command-node KEY)	Open the info node in the Emacs manual which describes the command bound to KEY. Interactively, if the binding is 'execute-extended-command', a command is read. The command is found by looking up in Emacs manual's indices or in another manual found via COMMAND's 'info-file' property or the variable 'Info-file-list-for-emacs'
Print name of function invoked by key	• C-h c <keys> • <f1> c <keys></keys></f1></keys>	(describe-key-briefly &optional KEY INSERT UNTRANSLATED)	Print the name of the function KEY invokes. KEY is a string.
Describe active major/ minor(s) modes and the key bindings	• C-h m • <f1> m • <f11> ? k m</f11></f1>	(describe-mode &optional BUFFER)	Lists the active major mode, all active minor modes and the bound keystrokes.
Describe a package See also: <u>Packages</u>	• C-h P • <f1> P</f1>	(describe-package PACKAGE)	Display the full documentation of PACKAGE (a symbol). Prompts for the package name, supports completion. Shows whether it is installed or not, its version, the features it implements and some extra notes. Accesses the
Describe a function	• C-h f • <f1> f</f1>	(describe-function FUNCTION)	Display the full documentation of <u>FUNCTION</u> (a symbol). For example: C-h f *-mode : Get a completion list of all emacs modes The buffer shown contains link to the file where the function is implemented. Following the link will open the file in a buffer, even if the file is compressed.
Describe symbol	• C-h o • <f1> o</f1>	(describe-symbol SYMBOL &optional BUFFER FRAME)	Display the full documentation of SYMBOL. Will show the info of SYMBOL as a function, variable, and/or face.
Describe variable	• C-h v • <f1> v</f1>	(describe-variable VARIABLE &optional BUFFER FRAME)	- For example: C-h v load-path: shows the emacs lisp path Reference: https://www.gnu.org/software/emacs/manual/html_node/eintr/See-variable-current-value.html
Describe bindings for a command	• C-h w • <f1> w</f1>	(where-is DEFINITION & Optional INSERT)	Print message listing key sequences that invoke the command DEFINITION. Prompt for command name, supports completion. If INSERT (the prefix arg) is non-nil, insert the message in the buffer
Help on Input Method See also: ∑ Input Method	• C-h I • <f1> I • C-h C-\</f1>	(describe-input-method INPUT-METHOD)	Provide information about the <u>input method</u> . Prompts for the name of an input method. See Input Method section for more info.
Describe encoding system Describe buffers encoding ➡	• C-h C • <f1> C • <f11> ? d C</f11></f1>	(describe-coding-system CODING-SYSTEM)	Display information about CODING-SYSTEM. Prompts for coding system name. Supports completion. Type RET to describe current buffer encoding.
Describe language environment	• C-h L • <f1> L</f1>	(describe-language- environment LANGUAGE- NAME)	Describe how Emacs supports language environment LANGUAGE-NAME. Prompts for language name, proposing the currently used language as the default. Supports completion.
Describe <u>syntax-table</u> of current major mode	• C-h s • <f1> s</f1>	(describe-syntax &optional BUFFER)	Describe the syntax specifications in the syntax table of BUFFER. The descriptions are inserted in a help buffer, which is then displayed. BUFFER defaults to the current buffer. See also: Syntax Table @ Emacs Wiki

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Show character syntax info and text properties	<f11> ? e .</f11>	(pel-syntax-at-point)	Display complete information for character at point. Opens a *Help* buffer to show extended character info and display text properties identified by the pel-syntax-text-properties user-option in the message area. Access with <f11>? <f2></f2></f11>
Emacs Apropos			tion in buffers using the info reader format. The info reader mode commands are shown an always get help on the current mode, that applies to the info reader mode as well.
Show information available about specified pattern	<f11> ? a a</f11>	(apropos PATTERN &optional DO-ALL)	Show all meaningful Lisp symbols whose names match PATTERN. Symbols are shown if they are defined as functions, variables, or faces, or if they have nonempty property lists. PATTERN can be a word, list of words (separated by spaces), or regexp (using some regexp special characters). For a word, search for matches for that word as a substring. For a list of words, search for matches for any two (or more) of those words.
Get a-propos info on command	• C-h a • <f1> a • <f11> ? a c</f11></f1>	(apropos-command PATTERN &optional DO-ALL VAR-PREDICATE)	Show commands (interactively callable functions) that match PATTERN. • With C-u prefix, or if 'apropos-do-all' is non-nil, also show non interactive functions. Old Emacs command name was: <i>command-apropos</i> .
	matches for that word as	a substring. If it is a list of wor	paces), or a regexp (using some regexp special characters). If it is a word, search for ds, search for matches for any two (or more) of those words. Emacs session, showing their key bindings and a quick description.
Look for topic in all info documents	<f11> ? i a</f11>	(info-apropos STRING)	Prompts for a string and looks up for that string in all the indices of all the Info documents installed in the system. Opens an Apropos index menu with the links to the found topics. Use this to <i>find the manual section(s) that describe a specific function or variable</i> .
Open the Info Reader on specific topic	• C-h i • <f1> i • <f11> ? i i • %-?</f11></f1>	(info &optional FILE-OR- NODE BUFFER)	Open the *info* buffer if already opened. If not, open the info reader for the top node. • A non-numeric prefix argument (C-u) directs this command to read a file name from the minibuffer. It is possible to open a compressed .info.gz file directly! Emacs will uncompress it and open it. • A <i>numeric prefix</i> argument of N selects an Info buffer named "*info* <n>".</n>
			/ specify an Info node of the form "(FILENAME)NODENAME".
Search for text in function	See the Info Reader Mod C-h d	de Keys table below for the following (apropos-documentation	owing actions available once emacs is in the Info Reader Mode. Search for functions and variables whose documentation strings match the specified
and variables doc strings	• <f1> d • <f11> ? a d</f11></f1>	PATTERN & optional DO-ALL)	pattern and display the appropriate info pages.
List variables and functions defined in Emacs Lisp file.	<f11> ? a L</f11>	(apropos-library FILE)	List the variables and functions defined by library FILE. FILE should be one of the libraries currently loaded and should thus be found in 'load-history'.
Show buffer-local variables	<f11> ? a 1</f11>	(apropos-local-variable PATTERN &optional BUFFER)	Show buffer-local variables that match PATTERN. Optional arg BUFFER (default: current buffer) is the buffer to check.
Show user option	<f11> ? a o</f11>	(apropos-user-option PATTERN &optional DO- ALL)	Show user options that match PATTERN. PATTERN can be a word, a list of words (separated by spaces), or a regexp (using some regexp special characters). If it is a word, search for matches for that word as a substring. If it is a list of words, search for matches for any two (or more) of those words. • With C-u prefix, also show variables, not just user options.
Show all symbols that have a specific value	<f11> ? a u</f11>	(apropos-value PATTERN &optional DO-ALL)	Show all symbols whose value's printed representation matches PATTERN. PATTERN can be a word, a list of words (separated by spaces), or a regexp (using some regexp special characters). If it is a word, search for matches for that word as a substring. If it is a list of words, search for matches for any two (or more) of those words. With C-u prefix, or if 'apropos-do-all' is non-nil, also looks at function definitions (arguments, documentation and body) and at the names and values of properties.
Show variables that match a specific name pattern	<f11> ? a v</f11>	(apropos-variable PATTERN &optional DO- NOT-ALL)	Show variables that match PATTERN. • With the optional argument DO-NOT-ALL non-nil (or when called interactively with the prefix C-u), show user options only, i.e. behave like 'apropos-user-option'.
Key Sequence help			clearly show. Key strokes are extended in various ways and key prefixes is one of them. e key sequences, list the remaining available bindings, and list recent history of typed keys.
List command history See also: Undo/Redo/Repeat/Arg	<f11> ? d H</f11>	(list-command-history)	List history of commands that used the minibuffer. • Show list of commands in the *Command History* buffer as a list of Emacs Lisp forms.
Toggle which-key mode	<f11> ? k K</f11>	(which-key-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle which-key-mode: when enabled, as you type a prefix key, all keys bound following this prefix are shown in the mini buffer (if you wait long enough to let them display). Requires the which-key package. PEL activates it when pel-use-which-key is t.
Show state of PEL numlock	<f11> ? k #</f11>	(pel-show-mac-numlock)	Display state of 'pel-mac-keypad-numlocked' used to control the numeric keypad.
Show state of key-chord mode. See: ∑ Key-Chords	• <f11> <f5> k ? • <f11> ? k M-K</f11></f5></f11>	(pel-key-chord-describe)	Show state of key-chord-mode. When key-chord mode is on, list key chord bindings in a help buffer.
Show top level bindings in the map of the current major mode	<f11> ? k k</f11>	(which-key-show-major- mode)	Show top-level bindings in the map of the current major mode. Also detect evil bindings made using 'evil-define-key' in this map. These bindings will depend on the current evil state. Requires the which-key package. PEL activates it when pel-use-which-key is t.
Toggle keycast mode on/off	<f11> ? k c</f11>	(keycast-mode &optional ARG)	Show current command and its key binding in the mode line. Use it to create a screen cast to show how to use Emacs. Requires keycast 2 available when the pel-use-keycast user option is set to t.
Show personal key bindings	<f11> ? k b</f11>	(describe-personal- keybindings)	Display all the personal keybindings defined by 'bind-key'.
Display free keys	<f11> ? k f</f11>	(free-keys &optional PREFIX BUFFER)	Display free keys in current buffer. • A free key is a key without associated key-binding as determined by 'key-binding'.
	You can change the prefix	keys-keys' list with no prefix se a sequence by hitting 'p' in the	quence are considered, possibly together with modifier keys from 'free-keys-modifiers'. *Free keys* buffer. Prefix is supplied in format recognized by 'kbd', for example "C-x". nis when the pel-use-free-keys user option is t.
Display last few typed characters	• C-h 1 • <f1> 1 • <f11> ? k 1</f11></f1>	(view-lossage)	Display last few input keystrokes and the commands run. To record all your input, use 'open-dribble-file'.
Record ALL typed characters to a file	M-x open-dribble- file	(open-dribble-file FILE)	Start writing all keyboard characters to a dribble file called FILE. If FILE is nil, close any open dribble file. The file will be closed when Emacs exits. A Be aware that this records all characters you type! Don't type passwords at that time!
Redo/edit last complex command executed See also: <u>S Undo/Redo/Repeat/Arg</u>	• C-x Esc Esc • C-x M-Esc • C-x M-:	(repeat-complex-command ARG)	 Edit and re-evaluate last complex command, or ARGth from last. A complex command is one which used the minibuffer. The command is placed in the minibuffer as a Lisp form for editing. The result is executed, repeating the command as changed. If the command has been changed or is not the most recent previous command it is added to the front of the command history. You can use the minibuffer history commands M-n and M-p to get different commands to edit and resubmit.

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Emacs Info			
Open specified info manual	<f11> ? i m</f11>	(info-display-manual MANUAL)	Prompt for a specific Info manual to open in a buffer. • Example: "eintr" := Introduction to Emacs Lisp.
Open Emacs Manual describing a specified command function	• C-h F • <f1> F</f1>	(Info-goto-emacs- command-node COMMAND)	Go to the Info node in the Emacs manual for command COMMAND. • The command is found by looking up in Emacs manual's indices or in another manual found via COMMAND's 'info-file' property or the variable 'Info-file-list-for-emacs'. COMMAND must be a symbol or string.
Find specified function function or variable in info	• C-h S • <fl> F</fl>	(info-lookup-symbol SYMBOL &optional MODE)	Display the definition of SYMBOL, as found in the relevant info manual. • When this command is called interactively, it reads SYMBOL from the minibuffer. In the minibuffer, use M-n to yank the default argument value into the minibuffer so you can edit it. The default symbol is the one found at point. • With prefix arg MODE a query for the symbol help mode is offered.
Info reader mode		in the *Info* buffers and their manner in the info help	eanings include the following:
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Helpful - extended help for Emacs with more contextual	1. C-h i to open the Info Reader at the top 2. m to open the menu prompt in the menu buffer 3. type topic name and RET I : (Search Info - construct a virtual info node displaying results of an index search. Runs the command (Info-virtual-index TOPIC) g : Goto a node by name. Topic is a node name: abbreviation is not supported, but completion with TAB is supported. Also allows going into another file using the syntax: 'g(filename)Topic <ret>' Topic may be '*': means: open the whole file in the buffer. <fi11>? i a : M-x info-apropos : Search Info - search in all Info files installed in the computer create New Independent Info Buffer opens a new, independent, Info buffer, that at first contains the same Info, but can be managed independently from original. This can also be done using: C-u m : Move to menu entry into new Info buffer C-u g : Go to topic in new Info buffer C-u number C-h i : Open an info topic into a 'Info<#>' buffer (for the identified number) creating it if necessary. The helpful external package provides the same help information provided by Emacs with more contextual information and extra links.</fi11></ret>		
information	These commands provide	e a lot more information than st	alls and activates it when the pel-use-helpful user-option is set. andard Emacs help. Use then to debug, trace, look at references, etc
Help for function/macro/ special form	<f1> <f2> a</f2></f1>	(helpful-callable SYMBOL)	Show help for function, macro or special form named SYMBOL.
Help for command	<f1> <f2> c</f2></f1>	(helpful-command SYMBOL)	Show help for interactive function named SYMBOL.
Help for function	<f1> <f2> f</f2></f1>	(helpful-function SYMBOL)	Show help for function named SYMBOL.
Help for key	<f1> <f2> k</f2></f1>	(helpful-key KEY- SEQUENCE)	Show help for interactive command bound to KEY-SEQUENCE.
Help for macro	<f1> <f2> m</f2></f1>	(helpful-macro SYMBOL)	Show help for macro named SYMBOL.
Help for symbol	<f1> <f2> o</f2></f1>	(helpful-symbol SYMBOL)	Show help for SYMBOL, a variable, function or macro.
Help for variable Help for symbol at point	<f1> <f2> v</f2></f1>	(helpful-at-point)	Show help for variable named SYMBOL. Show help for the symbol at point
	<pre><f1> <f2> .</f2></f1></pre>		
Log keys & commands	PEL provides access to two different packages you can use to show the commands and their key bindings as you type them • These can be used to show what you type during a presentation to other users, or for documentation purpose. The following 2 external packages are supported: The command-log-mode external package. PEL activates it when the pel-use-command-log-mode user option is turned on (set to t). PEL activates it when the pel-use-interaction-log-mode user option is turned on (set to t).		
Command Log Mode	The command-log-mode open a dedicated window that shows the log of all key sequence and mouse events and the executed command name. The information is similar to what is available with view-lossage, but in a nicely formatted way, much easier to use. • See the ∑ Windows table for commands that can be used to toggle the dedicated state of the window allowing you to move the window. This requires the command-log-mode.el file from the command-log-mode external package. • ☑ PEL installs the latest version of that file when the pel-use-command-log-mode user option is turned on (set to t). • PEL saves it inside your ./emacs/utils directory. To get the latest version, erase that file and its .elc from ./emacs/utils and execute pel-init or restart Emacs. PEL installs it this way because the official project doesn't seem maintained. • With PEL you can customize command-log-mode by typing <f11> ? <f3> to access its command-log customization group. The first 2 commands listed below, common-log-mode and global-command-log-mode are available at startup to activate the logging. • Once logging has been activated once the other 3 commands and their bindings are available.</f3></f11>		
Toggle command logging for current buffer	<f11> ? k c c</f11>	(command-log-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle command logging: command-log-mode in the current buffer. • The command-log lighter is shown on the mode line while the minor mode is active.
Toggle command logging for	<f11> ? k c C</f11>	(global-command-log-	Toggle command logging globally: for all buffers.
all buffers Open Command Log buffer	<f11> ? k c o</f11>	mode &optional ARG) (clm/open-command-log-	The command-log lighter is shown on the mode line while the minor mode is active. Opens (and creates, if non-existant) a buffer used for logging keyboard commands.
		buffer &optional ARG)	With any prefix argument, the existing command log buffer is cleared.

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Close Command Log buffer	<f11> ? k c .</f11>	(clm/close-command-log- buffer)	Close the command log window. • Logging continues while the window is closed.
Toggle log of all commands	<f11> ? k c /</f11>	(clm/toggle-log-all)	Toggle the logging of all commands: activate/de-activate common command filtering. command-log-mode either logs all commands or filter some often used ones like the cursor and character movements. The default setting is controlled by the clm/log-all.
Interaction Log Mode	The list of non-logged commands is controlled by clm/non-logged-commands. The interaction-log external package is similar to the command-log-mode shown above, but more powerful. It shows the key bindings, the Emacs Lisp command names, the inserted text and other information in different colours. It supports outputs inside a separate Emacs frame allowing you to continue showing information even after using C-x 1 to maximize the current window.		
	• See <u>Youtube presentation</u> The <u>interaction-log</u> exte		its author: Torstein Krause Johansen. activates it when the pel-use-interaction-log-mode user option is turned on (set to t).
Start/stop interaction log mode	<f11> ? k i i</f11>	(interaction-log-mode &optional ARG)	Global minor mode logging keys, commands, file loads and messages. Logged information goes to the "Emacs Log" buffer. On first invocation the buffer is created but not shown. Select it or use the command pel-interaction-log-buffer to show it.
Show interaction log buffer	<f11> ? k i b</f11>	(pel-interaction-log-buffer)	Show interaction log buffer.
Display interaction log in a separate frame.	<f11> ? k i f</f11>	(ilog-show-in-new-frame)	Display log in a pop up frame. Customize 'ilog-new-frame-parameters' to specify parameters of the newly created frame.
Toggle display of buffer names in the interaction log	<f11> ? k i n</f11>	(ilog-toggle-display-buffer- names)	Toggle display of buffers in log buffer for each key event. This command must be issued inside the interactive log buffer only.
Toggle interaction log view	<f11> ? k i v</f11>	(ilog-toggle-view)	Toggle between different view states: showing only messages, only commands, only file loads, and everything. • This command must be issued inside the interactive log buffer only.
Programming Help	PEL has bindings for the foll	lowing commands that are usef	ful when editing source code, markup files or any file that has a mode that supports imenu.
Show what completion mode is currently used.	<f11> M-c ?</f11>	(pel-show-active-completion-mode)	Display the completion mode currently used.
Show function at point See also: Inserting Text	<f11> ? F</f11>	(pel-show-function &optional INSERT-IT)	Display the name of the current "function" at point in the mini-buffer. • With any argument, like C-u , also insert the "function" name at point.
Toggle which-function-mode to display name of current	• <f11> ? f • <f11> M-d f</f11></f11>	(which-function-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle mode line display of current function (Which Function mode). • With a prefix argument ARG, enable Which Function mode if ARG is positive, and
function at point See also: ■ Menus ■ Mode Line The concept of "function" is major mode specific. For example, in C++ mode, if point is inside a class definition it	disable it otherwise. • The which-function-mode is a global minor mode. When enabled, the current function name is continuously displayed in the mode line. ⚠ Detection of functions and variables depend on the imenu functionality. If you modify the content of a buffer, you need to force a menu rescan to get proper results. You can force a rescan with pel-imenu-rescan, bound to <f11> <f10> r. ☒ Identify major modes that automatically active the mode with which-function-mode user-option. • Use M-x customize-option which-function-mode to open the relevant customization buffer. • With PEL you can use: • <f11> ? <f3> to access the which-func customization group. It will provide access to the customization group even when the feature has</f3></f11></f10></f11>		
shows the name of the class.		omething that Emacs does not ch-function-mode RET to a	·
Show syntax of char at point	<f11> ? d s</f11>	(pel-show-char-syntax)	Display a message showing the character syntax of character at point. built-in Emacs commands to display other the following extra information.
Extra Descriptions Show symbols of currently	<f11> ? ?</f11>	(pel-show-major-mode)	Display the symbol of the currently active major mode.
active major mode Show which search tool is	<f1> ? s</f1>	(pel-show-active-search-	Display the currently used search tool.
currently used Show available colours	<f11> ? d c</f11>	tool) (list-colors-display	Display names of defined colors, and show what they look like.
Show encoding of file visited	<f11> ? d e</f11>	&optional LIST BUFFER- NAME CALLBACK (pel-show-buffer-file-	Show coding system of file in current buffer.
in current buffer • See also: <u>∑ Help/Info</u>		encoding)	Open a *Help* buffer and show the value of the buffer-file-coding-system variable.
List all available faces	<f11> ? d F</f11>	(list-faces-display &optional REGEXP)	List all faces, using the same sample text in each.
Show buffer and file name	<f11> ? d f</f11>	(pel-show-window- filename-or-buffer-name)	Show the (full path) name of the file or buffer of current window.
Show information about an input method	<f11> ? d i</f11>	(list-input-methods)	Display information about all input methods.
Display content of kill ring	<f11> ? d k</f11>	(pel-show-kill-ring)	Display content of 'kill-ring' in *Help* buffer.
Print current buffer line # (and narrowed line #)	<f11> ? d l</f11>	(what-line)	Print the current buffer line number and narrowed line number of point.
Query info about point Show information about	• C-x = • <f11> ? d p</f11>	(what-cursor-position &optional DETAIL)	Displays information about character at point in the echo area: position, character, encoding.
current character.	With any prefix argume Type: C-u C-x =	·	how the complete information of character at point with all properties, face, encoding, etc. With PEL, you can also type: C C-x =
Show window dimension	<f11> ? d w</f11>	(pel-show-window-sizes)	Show the height & width of the current window.
Display ASCII table	<f11> ? A</f11>	(ascii-table)	Show an interactive ASCII table in the other (next) window. Requires the <u>ascii-table</u> package
See also: <u>▼ Input Method</u>			PEL activates this when the pel-use-ascii-table user option is t .
About Emacs	Information about Emacs, its	s environment and configuration	n is available through a set of commands listed below
Display Emacs version	<f11> ? e v</f11>	(emacs-version)	Display Emacs version
Display Emacs uptime	<f11> ? e u</f11>	(emacs-uptime &optional FORMAT)	Display a string giving the uptime of this instance of Emacs in the echo area.
Open local copy of Emacs PDF reference card	<f11> ? e r</f11>	(pel-open-emacs-refcard)	Prompt for an Emacs REFCARD and open it. Supports tab completion
	· '	tory where the Emacs PDF refe ath user option. Access custon	erence card files are stored. Failing to detect them, dit uses the directory identified by the m group with <f11>? <f2></f2></f11>
Show number of available and key bound commands	<f11> ? e c</f11>	(pel-emacs-command- stats)	Display number of available commands and the number of those that have key bindings in the echo area, and the number of bindings in the global map.
Show <u>loaded files</u> & <u>features</u>	<f11> ? e l</f11>	(pel-emacs-load-stats &optional WITH_DETAILS)	Display the number of loaded files and the number of features currently loaded. • With C-u prefix print features in a buffer. With C-u C-u, also print load information,
			with symbols displayed as clickable buttons that open a help buffer describing it.

Description	<u>Keystroke</u>	Function	<u>Note</u>
Display Memory Usage	<f11> ? e m</f11>	(pel-emacs-mem-stats)	Display Emacs memory statistics inside an *emacs-mem-stats* buffer.
Check/display list of shadowed Emacs Lisp files	<f11> ? e s</f11>	(list-load-path-shadows &optional STRINGP)	Display a list of Emacs Lisp files that shadow other files • Shows any shadows in a '*Shadows*' buffer
Print imenu controlling variables	<f11> ? e i</f11>	(pel-imenu-print-vars)	Print the value of the imenu variables used to control the imenu functionality for the current buffer. Symbols are clickable buttons to help on the symbol. • Print this information in a *imenu-dbg* buffer.
See also: <u>∑ Menus</u> Print value of outline controlling variables	<f11> ? e o</f11>	(pel-outline-print-vars)	Use to investigate the imenu support for a major mode. Print the current buffer specific values of outline controlling variables. Use this to learn possible how to control the outline minor mode.
See also: <u>▼ Outline</u> See Emacs executable path	<f11> ? e x</f11>	(pel-emacs-executable)	Display Emacs executable path in echo area.
Display load-path	<f11> ? e p</f11>	(pel-emacs-load-path &optional N)	Show the current load-path inside a new *load-path* buffer. Open the buffer in the current window or the one identified by N, with the display-line-number-mode on. The buffer is NOT committed to a file.
	Window selection: If N If N If N If N If N	is not specified, nil or 1: open bis negative, create a new windois 0: : open buffer in other	ow and open buffer inside it. er window indow identified by the direction corresponding to the cursor in a numeric keypad: er 'right'
Display Emacs initialization time with benchmark information if available	• <f11> ? e t • M-S-<f9></f9></f11>	(pel-show-init-time)	Display benchmark startup time.
miormauon ii avaliabie	the Emacs startup time in Uses the benchmark Use M-x list-packa Then update your init.el f ;; Setup Benchmar ;; Load benchmar ;; CAUTION: Modi: (require 'benchmar (expan "-/.em	side the echo area. init library to measure time of ge, select benchmark-init and le and place the following lines k Measurement soon to measure as much by the path when a new verark-init l-file-name les d/elpa/benchmark-init-	Install it. s as close as possible to the top of the file: as possible. sion is available. 220150905.938/benchmark-init"))
List processor	Update the path in this co	-	·
List processes See also: <u>∑ Shells</u>	• <f11> ? e C-p • <f11> z ?</f11></f11>	(list-processes & optional QUERY-ONLY BUFFER)	Display a list of all processes that are Emacs sub-processes in the *Process List* buffer. With non-nil optional argument, only processes with the query-on-exit flag set are listed. Any process listed as exited or signalled is actually eliminated after the listing is made.
Print process tree	<f11> ? e M-p</f11>	(pel-process-tree)	Print the process tree of the inferior process of the current buffer if any, otherwise print the process tree of Emacs itself. This requires the <u>pstree</u> command. It generates an error if it is not available.
ESUP - Emacs Start Up Profiler	<f11> ? e P</f11>	(esup &optional INIT-FILE &rest ARGS)	Profile the startup time of Emacs in the background. If INIT-FILE is non-nil, profile that instead of USER-INIT-FILE. ARGS is a list of extra command line arguments to pass to Emacs.
	The esup profiler has sever top level of a file but not if the	veral limitations: 1) it only supposes are enclosed in any other st	it when the pel-use-esup customization variable is set to t . orts Emacs running in graphics mode. 2) esup steps into `require' and `load' forms at the tatements. This limits its usefulness when conditional loading is located in the init.el file and chniques are used by PEL to reduce init time.
Using Man inside Emacs See also: • \$1 - Erlang • ∑ Customize	 Emacs provide 2 main commands to display man pages inside buffers. Both of these are much more powerful than the usual man reader available on the shell allowing navigation across man pages & opening hyperlinks. The man command uses the system man utility, while woman is a complete implementation which has some formatting limitations compared to man but it's very useful in systems where man is not available. The man command will find pages that the system's man can find. This can be extended or modified by setting the MANPATH environment variable. Inside Emacs you can also customize the Emacs Man-switches user option to provide extra configuration including a different MANPATH by using the -M switch. For an example see how to add Erlang man pages in the \$\mathbf{y}\)1 - Erlang table. 		
Open a man page inside an Emacs buffer	• <f11> ? m • M-<f8> • %-M</f8></f11>	(man MAN-ARGS)	Open a Man page inside an Emacs window.
On Unix/Linux, use it to display help about C/C++ functions, types.	Using man pages inside emacs is even better than using it from the shell because: • The links are active and can be followed. When the man page describes a directory or file, emacs will open the file or the directory (in direct mode) when pressing <ret> over the link. • You can navigate easily between sections (n/p will move to the next/previous section). You can use any of the searches. • You can use any of the options to the man command at the prompt, like the -a option to access all man pages of the same name. Then use M-n and M-p to move from one to the other page, inside the same buffer. • See all keys available in mode, with <f1> m or <f11>? k m. • The man command prompts, using the word at point as the default. • PEL key sequence to customize man: <f11> <f2> E m • The man command provides completion at prompt. However, if you set up a MANPATH to isolate on directory to get only the list of commands in a specified set of man pages (eg. for Erlang commands only), the completion will only work if the man directory contains a whatsis database file. See my description on how to create whatis file for local man directory.</f2></f11></f11></f1></ret>		
Open man page for item at point	M-S- <f8></f8>	(pel-man-at-point)	Open a man page for the topic at point if any, otherwise prompts for topic. • Man page section controlled by user option named pel-%s-man-section, where '%s' is replaced by the major mode.
Open a man page without external man process: woman	• <f11> ? w • C-<f8></f8></f11>	(woman &optional TOPIC RE-CACHE)	Open a man page file in Emacs using the woman mode, completely implemented in Emacs Lisp (and therefore without using the external 'man' process).
	PEL key sequence to cu	stomize woman: <f11> <f2< th=""><th></th></f2<></f11>	
	_	package activated when the contract when the contract with a contract with a	he pel-use-ace-link user option is set to t ., the following key is activated: target key.

		ovide more information about E	macs and how PEL uses it.	
Show PEL user option and		The following commands provide more information about Emacs and how PEL uses it.		
package info See also: <u>Σ Customize</u>	<f11> ? e ?</f11>	(pel-package-info &optional FULL-REPORT)	Display the following information in the echo area: The number of PEL user-options, and the number of them that are active. The number of Elpa packages active: the count of the ones directly installed because of active PEL user-options and the count of them installed as dependencies of the first group. The number of Emacs Lisp files stored in the ~/.emacs.d/utils (or equivalent directory) as a result of PEL user options. With optional argument, generates a full report with much more details in a *pel-user-options* report buffer. Any key prefix works. M <f11>? e ? for example.</f11>	
	• <f11> ? e <f2> • <f11> <f2> ?</f2></f11></f2></f11>	(pel-setup-info-dual- environment)	Display current PEL customization setup. Check two independent customization files for terminal/tty and graphics mode are requested and if so check if they are setup properly. Report an error and list problems if there are any, otherwise display the current setup. After executing that command you will have to edit your init.el file and set the pel-use-graphic-specific-custom-file-p symbol to t.	
	• <f11> ? e M-S • <f11> M-S ?</f11></f11>	(pel-setup-info)	Display current state of PEL setup: whether Emacs startup is used in normal or in fast startup operation mode.	
See also: • EmacsBugTracker @	 The GNU Bug Tracker is More info is available in th This information can also be PEL activates it when 	used as a bug tracker for sever e GNU Bug Tracker Documer accessed directly within Emac in the pel-use-debbugs user o	ch is an instance of <u>Debian bug tracker: debbugs</u> . ral GNU project. See the list of <u>Gnu software packages using this bug tracker.</u> ntation. Its by using the <u>debbugs</u> external package. In prior is turned on (set to t). PEL also binds the <u>debbugs</u> commands to the following keys. In prior is turned on (set to t). PEL also binds the <u>debbugs</u> commands to the following keys.	
List all outstanding Emacs bugs	<f11> ? b a</f11>	(debbugs-gnu SEVERITIES &optional PACKAGES ARCHIVEDP SUPPRESS TAGS)	List all outstanding bugs.	
Search for Emacs bugs	<f11> ? b s</f11>	(debbugs-gnu-search PHRASE &optional QUERY SEVERITIES PACKAGES ARCHIVEDP)	Search for Emacs bugs interactively. Search arguments are requested interactively. The "search phrase" is used for full text search in the bugs database. Further key-value pairs are requested until an empty key is returned. If a key cannot be queried by a SOAP request, it is marked as "client-side filter". When using interactively, use C-x M-: after this command for reusing the argument list. Be careful in editing the arguments, because the allowed attributes for QUERY depend on PHRASE being a string, or nil. See Info node '(debbugs-ug) Searching Bugs'.	
List all users tags	<f11> ? b u</f11>	(debbugs-gnu-usertags &rest USERS)	List all user tags for USERS, which is ("emacs") by default.	
List bug reports that contain a patch	<f11> ? b p</f11>	(debbugs-gnu-patches)	List the bug reports that have been marked as containing a patch.	
List all bugs or specified bugs	<f11> ? b b</f11>	(debbugs-gnu-bugs &rest BUGS)	List all BUGS, a list of bug numbers. In interactive calls, prompt for a comma separated list of bugs or bug ranges, with default to 'debbugs-gnu-default-bug-number-list'. This accepts a single bug number, a comma separated list of bug numbers as well as dash separated range of bug numbers.	
List bugs tags locally	<f11> ? b t</f11>	(debbugs-gnu-tagged)	List the bug reports that have been tagged locally.	
List all outstanding Emacs bugs in Org-mode format	<f11> ? b A</f11>	(debbugs-org)	List all outstanding bugs using an Org-mode format.	
Search for Emacs bugs, list bugs in Org-mode format	<f11> ? b S</f11>	(debbugs-org-search)	Search for bugs interactively. List bugs in Org-mode format. Search arguments are requested interactively. The "search phrase" is used for full text search in the bugs database. Further key-value pairs are requested until an empty key is returned. If a key cannot be queried by a SOAP request, it is marked as "client-side filter".	
List bug reports that contain a patch, list bugs in Org- mode format	<f11> ? b P</f11>	(debbugs-org-patches)	List the bug reports that have been marked as containing a patch. List bugs in Org-mode format.	
List all bugs or specified bugs in Org-mode format	<f11> ? b B</f11>	(debbugs-org-bugs)	List all bugs, a list of bug numbers. List bugs in Org-mode format. • In interactive calls, prompt for a comma separated list of bugs or bug ranges, with default to 'debbugs-gnu-default-bug-number-list'.	
List bugs tags locally in Org- mode format	<f11> ? b T</f11>	(debbugs-org-tagged)	List the bug reports that have been tagged locally. List bugs in Org-mode format.	
More Help				
-	• C-h t • <f1> t</f1>	(help-with-tutorial &optional ARG DONT-ASK- FOR-REVERT)	Open an Emacs Tutorial. Restore location if used before (after prompt).	
	• C-h p • <f1> p</f1>	(finder-by-keyword)	Find packages matching a given keyword. Useful to search for packages supporting a specific concept.	
	• C-h C-f • <f1> C-f</f1>	(view-emacs-FAQ)	Display the Emacs Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) file.	
	• C-h n • <f1> n</f1>	(view-emacs-news &optional VERSION)	Display info on recent changes to Emacs. With argument, display info only for the selected version. Includes code modifications of each version of Emacs.	
area	<f1> . C-h . C-c ! H</f1>	(display-local-help &optional ARG)	Display local help in the echo area. This displays a short help message, namely the string produced by the 'kbd-help' property at point. If 'kbd-help' does not produce a string, but the 'help-echo' property does, then that string is printed instead. A numeric argument ARG prevents display of a message in case there is no help. While ARG can be used interactively, it is mainly meant for use from Lisp.	

<u>Description</u>	<u>Keystroke</u>	Function	<u>Note</u>	
Open PEL PDF Help File	·	DF files such as this one for sev	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
•	• You can open a local or GitHub hosted raw copy of these help PDF using the PEL help commands bound to the <f1> key available inside several PEL key prefixes.</f1>			
See also: <u>➤Legend</u>	For example several m	 For example several major modes bind the <f12><f1> key sequence to PEL help. Other such as help for abbreviations is <f11> a <f1></f1></f11></f1></f12> The complete list of these key bindings is listed below. 		
	Unfortunately not all H	elp PDF files have key sequenc	es for them. However, you can:	
			mmand: it prompts for a topic with tab completion support: use <f11> ? p PDF files are stored with <f11> ? P . Select the file(s) and type z to open the selected</f11></f11>	
	file(s). display="block" Each PEL PDF uses icons and colour conventions. These conventions are described in the <u>▶Legend</u> table.			
	When opening a GitHub hosted raw PDF you will want to use a browser that is capable of rendering the PDF directly instead of downloading the file			
		to your file-system. Firefox does this by default. You may need to install a plugin for other browsers.		
	These PEL functions se	lect the local PDF or the remote	e GitHub raw PDF via a combination of factors:	
	By default it opens the local the GitHub hosted raw PI		ment is specified by typing M before the command key sequence (in which case it open	
			n be <i>pdf-viewer</i> or <i>web-browser</i> (which uses the browser set by <i>pel-browser-used</i>). the other way around: it opens the remote GitHub raw PDF by default.	
	By default, when opening	a remote GitHub raw PDF it us	ses the default browse method selected by the browse-url-browser-function user-option.	
	 The default value of the browse-url-browser-function user-option is to use the system browser. You can force another one by setting PEL's pel-browser-used user-option to 'firefox or 'chrome. When you do that the new selected browser is also used for the local file. If you want to use this browser for remote files only and keep 			
			en set the pel-open-pdf-method user-option to 'pdf-viewer.	
Open this PDF file.	<f11> ? <f1></f1></f11>	(pel-help-pdf &optional OPEN-WEB-PAGE)	Open the <u>E Help/Info</u> local PDF.	
Select and Open a PEL PDF	• <f11> ? p</f11>	(pel-help-pdf-select	Prompt for a PEL PDF and open it.	
file	• <f11> p</f11>	&optional OPEN-WEB- PAGE)	Supports tab completion.	
Open a Dired Buffer for PEL	<f11> ? P</f11>	(pel-help-pdfs-dir)	Open a Dired buffer on the PEL PDF directory. Inside Dired you can open a PDF file by	
PDF files.			typing 'z' over the file name. You can also select several and type 'z' to open them all.	
<u>≻Index</u>	<f11> <f1></f1></f11>		ck index with links to all other PEL PDF files.	
∑ Abbreviations	<f11> a <f1></f1></f11>	Open <u>∑ Abbreviations</u> PDF fi	le.	
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∑ Buffers	<f11> <f1><f1><</f1></f1></f11>	Open Buffers PDF file.		
∑ Case Conversions	<f11> t <f1> 1</f1></f11>	Open Case Conversions P	DF file.	
∑ Comments	<f11> ; <f1></f1></f11>	Open <u>∑</u> Comments PDF file.		
∑ Cut & Paste	• <f11> = <f1></f1></f11>	Open <u>▼ Cut & Paste</u> PDF file.		
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∑ Fast Startup	<f11> <f2> S <f1></f1></f2></f11>	Open the <u>Fast Startup</u> PDF file.		
∑ File-mngt	<f11> f <f1> 1</f1></f11>	Open <u>S File-mngt</u> PDF file.		
∑ File/Directory Variables	<f11> f v <f1></f1></f11>	Open <u>Efficient Austrian PDF</u> file.		
∑ Filling/Justification	• <f11> t f <f1> • <f11> t j <f1></f1></f11></f1></f11>	Open <u>Filling/Justification</u> PDF file.		
∑ Frames	<f11> F <f1></f1></f11>	Open <u>v Frames</u> PDF file.		
<u>∑ Grep</u>	<f11> g <f1></f1></f11>	Open <u>∑ Grep</u> PDF file.		
∑ Help/Info	<f11> ? <f1></f1></f11>	Open <u>National Help/Info</u> PDF file.		
<u> ▼ Hide/Show</u>	<f11> M-/ <f1></f1></f11>	Open <u>∑ Hide/Show</u> PDF file.		
<u>» Highlight</u>	<f11> h <f1></f1></f11>	Open <u>Electrical PDF</u> file.		
∑ Indentation	<f11> TAB <f1></f1></f11>	Open Input Method PDF file.		
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