PEL Topics Index

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Emacs Reference Cards

Links to PDF version of official English version of the quick reference cards for GNU Emacs and popular external packages.
With PEL, access these PDF cards from within Emacs with the <f11> ? e r key sequence. See Σ Help/Info for more info.

Emacs	Calc	Gnus	Magit Cheatsheet	Org	Viper
Emacs survival card	Dired	Gnus booklet	Magit Ref-card		VIP

➢ PEL Overview

- PEL repo
- PEL Readme
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This table holds links to all other PEL topic oriented PDF table files (hosted on Github).
For the best user experience, use a browser that can render PDF directly instead of downloading: all PDFs are heavily hyperlinked.
- Mozilla Firefox (version > 78) does that perfectly. You may need to activate a plug-in for other browsers.

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.

Terminal Multiplexers: GNU screen , Tmux
Command Line Scripting Languages: bash, sh, zsh
Cmdline: GNU readline, ls -l

General Info ➢	➢Legend	➢Recommended Emacs User Option	➢Themes	Migrate from CRiSP	
Startup ➢		Run Emacs daemon & clients	iMenu/Speedbar support		
PEL Code ➢	How to do it with PEL	PEL Naming Conventions	PEL Environment Variables		PEL utilities

OS Desktop Key Bindings

(Bindings that don't clash with PEL)

macOS Fct Keys	macOS Keys	Mint 20 Desktop Keys	Ubuntu 16.04 Desktop Keys
	terminal settings	Rocky Linux 8 Desktop Keys	

Feature Comparisons

Completion Modes Compatibility | Speedbar/iMenu Mode Compatibility | Shells/Terminals Comparisons

Key Prefixes & Suffixes

Σ Modifier Keys | Σ Numkeypad | Keys - Fn | Keys - F11 | Keys - F12 | ➢PEL

Σ Emacs Manual , Guided Tour of Emacs.
- 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 Σ are Emacs generic features, blue links are external packages. The green links are mostly PEL extensions.

Σ Abbreviations	Σ Diff & Merge	Σ Grep	Σ Marking	Σ Scrolling	Σ Tab Bar
Σ Align	Σ Dired	Σ Help/Info	Σ Menus	Σ Search/Replace	T Templates
Σ Auto-Completion	Σ Display - Lines	Σ Hide/Show	Σ Mode Line	Σ Sessions	Σ Text Modes
Σ Autosave/Backup	Σ Drawing	Σ Highlight (colors)	Σ Mouse	Σ start Shells/REPLs	Σ Time Tracking
Σ Bookmarks	Σ Enriched Text	Σ ibuffer-mode	Σ Narrowing	Σ shell-mode	Σ Tramp
Σ Buffers	Σ Execute Cmds	Σ Indentation	Σ Navigation	Σ term-mode	Σ Transpose text
Σ Case Conversions	Σ Exec Shell Cmds	Σ Input Method	Σ Object Files	Σ eat-mode	Σx Treemacs
Σ Close/Suspend	Σ Faces/Fonts	Σ Inserting Text	Σ Outline	Σ vterm-mode	Σ Undo/Redo/Repeat
Σ Comments	ΣP Fast Startup	Σ Key-Chords	Σ Packages	Σx Smartparens	Σ VCS-Git xMagit
Σ Compilation Mode	Σ File Encoding	Σ Keyboard Macros	Σx Projectile	Σ Sorting	Σ VCS-Mercurial
Σ Completion/Input	Σ File-mngt	PLx- Lispy	Σ Recursive Edit	Σ Speedbar	Σ VCS-Subversion
Σ Counting	Σ File/Dir Variables		Σ Rectangles	Σ Spell Checking	Σ Web
ΣM CUA	Σ Fill/Justify		Σ Registers	Σ SyntaxCheck	Σ Whitespace
Σ Cursor	Σ Frames				Σ Windows
Σ Customize					Σ Xref - Cross Refs
Σ Cut & Paste					

ƒPL - Emacs Lisp concepts & tools	ƒ display-buffer	ƒ* - ELisp Types	ƒ ERT (regr-testing)	ƒ Hooks	
Other tools extending Emacs functionalities — Parsing tools:	Language Servers	Tree-sitter			
Σ Xref Tools:	Xref-Support	Xref-Frontend	Xref-Backend		Indentation Styles

Build Tools & Preprocessor

PL - CMake | PL - M4 | PL - Make gmake | PL - Nix | PL - Tup

Data Serialization & Modelling

Ⓓ CWL | Ⓓ YAML | Ⓢ ASN.1 asn1-mode | Ⓢ MIB snmp-mode | Ⓢ YANG

Other File Formats

Σ Changelog Files | Config/ini/toml... Files | RFC (RFC @ Wikipedia) | RPM Files (spec file format) | M X.509 Certificates

Hardware Description Languages

HDL - Verilog | HDL - VHDL | Language Server & Tools for HDL

Lightweight Markup Languages

M AsciiDoc | M Markdown | M Org-Mode | M reStructuredText

Graphics Markup

M Graphviz Dot | M MscGen | M PlantUML

Programming Languages
Main Paradigm of Programming Languages
- *Actor Model:* Ⓐ *Array* Ⓧ
- *Concatenative* Ⓚ *Concurrent:* ⓒ
- *Domain Specific* ⓓ
- *Dynamic* 𝒹 *Extensible* ⓔ
- *Functional:* ⓕ *Pure:* Ⓕ
- *Generic* ⓖ
- *Imperative:* ⓘ *or no token*
- *Object Oriented* ⓞ *Procedural* ⓟ
- *Has Syntactic Macros:* ⓜ
- *Multi-paradigm* *Reflective* |
- *System Level* Ⓢ

- The programming languages supported by PEL are listed here in alphabetical order.
- Emacs (and PEL) also provides basic support for some of the one PEL does not support and for other programming languages not listed here.

Future support for APL, Carbon, Crystal, Dart, Elm, Groovy, Haxe, Kotlin, Purescript, ReasonML, Scala, Typescript and documentation of support for Fortran, Javascript, Java, Modula, (based on my need for them or requests).

Emacs has major mode support for several programming languages. PEL extends Emacs support for some of them (others are marked).

BEAM Programming	*Functional*	Javascript target	Pascal-style syntax	Lisp-like Languages	Stack Based
Curly Bracket	Java Virtual Machine	ML Family	Lisp Family	Scheme Dialects	OS App Control

PL - Ada	PL - D ⓘⓕⒶ	PL - Gambit ⓕⓜ	PL - Janet ⓘⓕⓜ	PL-Pascal	Scala
PL - AppleScript	Dart	PL - Gerbil ⓕⓜⒶ	Java	PL - Perl (perl5)	PL - Scheme ⓕⓜ
APL	PL - Eiffel ⓞⓢ	PL - GNU Guile ⓕⓜ	PL - Javascript	PL - Pike 𝒹ⓘⓞ	PL-Seed7 ⓔⓖ
PL - Arc ⓕⓜ	PL - Elm Ⓕ	PL - Gleam	PL - Julia ⓜ	PL - Python 𝒹ⓟⓞⓕ	PL-Smalltalk ⓞ
PL - awk ⓓ	PL - Elixir ⓒⓜⓕⒶ	PL - Go Ⓢ	Kotlin	PL - Purescript Ⓕ	PL-Swift
PL - C Ⓢ	ƒPL - Emacs Lisp	Groovy	PL - LFE ⓒⓜⓕⒶ	R ⓞⓟⓕⓧ|	PL - Tcl ⓕⓘ
PL - C++ ⓞⓢ	PL - Erlang ⓒⓕⒶ	PL - Haskell Ⓕ	PL -Lua ⓕⓞⓟ	PL - Racket ⓕⓜ	PL - Typescript
Carbon future Ⓢ	PL - Factor Ⓚⓕⓞⓜ	Haxe	PL-Modula	PL - ReasonML	PL - UNIX Shell
PL - Chez ⓕⓜ	PL - Forth Ⓚ	PL - Hy (python) ⓜ	PL - NetRexx	PL - REXX	PL - V
PL - Chibi ⓕⓜ	Fortran		PL - Nim ⓜⓢ	PL - Ruby	PL -Zig Ⓢ
PL - Chicken ⓕⓜ			PL-Objective-C	PL - Rust Ⓢ	
PL - Clojure ⓕⓜ			PL - OCaml ⓘⓕ		
Common Lisp ⓕⓜ			PL - Odin Ⓢ		
Crystal					