

		FIT LINACS S	support for Perl 🚧		
Description	<u>Keystroke</u>	Function	<u>Note</u>		
Perl Editing • Activate Perl →	Emacs provides two major modes for Perl: perl-mode (Emacs default, simpler mode) and operl-mode external package has support for new Perl language features. PEL activates Perl support with the perl-use-perl user-options. When turned on:				
• Select major mode →	 PEL provides supports all of them: pel-perl-mode selects the mode, using HaraldJoerg/cperl-mode by default because it has the best support for Perl. After using HaraldJoerg/cperl-mode if you want to revert to Emacs' own cperl-mode, remove the cperl-mode. 				
• <u>∑ Speedbar</u> . ⇒	 PEL activates minor modes for the perl major mode as specified by the pel-perl-activates-minor-modes user-option. If pel-use-speedbar is on, speedbar support for Perl is activated. By default operl-mode shows trailing whitespaces as underscores. Set pel-operl-show-trailing-whitespace-normally user-option to t to use the trailing-whitespace 				
• <u>∑ Indentation</u> control →	face instead; by default this is a red background whitespace. Perl indentation for both perl-mode and cperl-mode is controlled by the following user-options: pel-general-perl-indent-level: it defaults to 4. It is applied to perl-indent-level and cperl-indent-level as well as tab-width.				
See also: Perl 5 Syntax	The use of hard tabs is controlled by: • pel-general-perl-use-tabs: it defaults to nil, forcing use of spaces. It is applied to indent-tabs-mode.				
Open this PDF file. See also: <u>\(\sigma\) Help/</u> <u>Info</u>	<f11> SPC P <f1><f12> <f1></f1></f12></f1></f11>	(pel-help-pdf &optional OPEN-WEB- PAGE)	Open the \mathfrak{M} - Perl local PDF. If the prefix argument (like $\mathbf{C}-\mathbf{u}$ or $\mathbf{M}-\mathbf{-}$) is used, then it opens the remote GitHub hosted raw PDF instead. If the pel-flip-help-pdf-arg user-option is set it's the other way around.		
∑ Customize PEL Perl support	<f11> SPC P <f2> <f12> <f2></f2></f12></f2></f11>	(pel-customize-pel &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize PEL Perl support. • If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in another window.		
∑ Customize Emacs Perl support	<f11> SPC P <f3></f3></f11>	(pel-customize-library &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize Emacs Perl support: perl, cperl, electricity, perl-repl. • If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in another window.		
PCRE support	See PCRE support in 2	Search/Replace for commands to activate	e Perl Compatible regular expression search and operations.		
Perl Doc	With Perl info and man files installed, Emacs <u>Relp/Info</u> man support provides access to the Perl documentation available on your system. Inside Emacs you can use man instead of perldoc: for example, man perlintro provides the same information as given by the perldoc perlintro command. The Perl Documentation web page provides the complete information on-line:				
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Toggle display of comments in buffer or active region	<f11>;;</f11>	(hide/show-comments-toggle &optional START END)	Toggle hiding/showing of comments in the active region or whole buffer. • If the region is active then toggle in the region. Otherwise, in the whole buffer. PEL activates it when the pel-use-hide-comnt user option is t.		
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Newline and	C-j	(newline-and-indent)	Insert a newline, then indent according to major mode.
indent	0-5	(ionalic did indone)	Indentation is done using the value of 'indent-line-function'. In programming language modes, this is the same as TAB.
Indent Perl code	TAB	(cperl-indent-command &optional WHOLE-EXP)	 Indent current line as Perl code, or in some cases insert a tab character. If 'cperl-tab-always-indent' is non-nil (the default), always indent current line. Otherwise, indent the current line only if point is at the left margin or in the line's indentation; otherwise insert a tab. A numeric argument, regardless of its value, means indent rigidly all the lines of the expression starting after point so that this line becomes properly indented. The relative indentation among the lines of the expression are preserved.
Indent continued expression	C-M-q	(cperl-indent-exp)	Simple variant of indentation of continued-sexp. Will not indent comment if it starts at 'comment-indent' or looks like continuation of the comment on the previous line. If 'cperl-indent-region-fix-constructs', will improve spacing on conditional/loop constructs.
Indent region	C-M-\	(cperl-indent-region START END)	Simple variant of indentation of region in CPerl mode. Should be slow. Will not indent comment if it starts at 'comment-indent' or looks like continuation of the comment on the previous line. Indents all the lines whose first character is between START and END inclusive. If 'cperl-indent-region-fix-constructs', will improve spacing on conditional/loop constructs.
Insert matching parens	• (• < • [(cperl-electric-paren ARG)	Insert an opening parenthesis or a matching pair of parentheses. • Controlled by 'cperl-electric-parens' and 'cperl-hairy' user-options.
(toggle with C-c C-e)	•)	(cperl-electric-rparen ARG)	Insert a matching pair of parentheses if marking is active. If not, or if we are not at the end of marking range, would self-insert. Controlled by 'cperl-electric-parens' and 'cperl-hairy' user-options.
Insert : and indent	:	(cperl-electric-terminator ARG)	Insert character and correct line's indentation.
Insert; and indent	;	(cperl-electric-semi ARG)	Insert character and correct line's indentation.
Insert { and indent	{	(cperl-electric-lbrace ARG &optional END)	Insert character, correct line's indentation, correct quoting by space.
Insert } and indent	}	(cperl-electric-brace ARG &optional ONLY-BEFORE)	Insert character and correct line's indentation. • If ONLY-BEFORE and 'cperl-auto-newline', will insert newline before the place (even in empty line), but not after. If after ")" and the inserted char is "{", insert extra newline before only if 'cperl-extranewline-before-brace'.
Narrows to here- doc	C-c C-n	(cperl-narrow-to-here-doc &optional POS)	Narrows editing region to the HERE-DOC at POS. POS defaults to the point.
Spell-check POD documentation	С-с С-р	(cperl-pod-spell &optional DO-HERES)	Spell-check POD documentation. If invoked with prefix argument, will do HERE-DOCs instead. If a region is highlighted, restricts to the region.
Refactor: if (A) {B}' → 'B if A;'	C-c C-t	(cperl-invert-if-unless)	Change 'if (A) {B}' into 'B if A,' etc (or visa versa) if possible. If the cursor is not on the leading keyword of the BLOCK flavor of construct, will assume it is the STATEMENT flavor, so will try to find the appropriate statement modifier.
Lining up Perl Code : ∑ Align	It's often best to line up Perl code vertically, arranging elements as tables, to help reader understand the code intent visually. • This technique is also promoted in <u>Damian Conway's Perl Best Practice book, Vertical Alignment section of chapter 2</u> . See <u>pel-align-words-vertically</u> in <u>Salign</u> .		
Lineup	• C-M- • <f12> </f12>	(cperl-lineup BEG END &optional STEP MINSHIFT)	Lineup construction in a region. Beginning of region should be at the start of a construction. All first occurrences of this construction in the lines that are partially contained in the region are lined up at the same column. MINSHIFT is the minimal amount of space to insert before the construction. STEP is the tabwidth to position constructions. If STEP is nil, 'cperl-lineup-step' will be used (or 'cperl-indent-level', if 'cperl-lineup-step' is nil). Will not move the position at the start to the left.
Move to next interpolated	C-c C-v	(cperl-next-interpolated-REx &optional SKIP BEG LIMIT)	 Move point to next REx which has interpolated parts. SKIP is a list of possible types to skip, BEG and LIMIT are the starting point and the limit of search (default to point and end of buffer). SKIP may be a number, then it behaves as list of numbers up to SKIP; this semantic may be used as a numeric argument. Types are 0 for / \$rex /o (interpolated once), 1 for /\$rex/ (if \$rex is a result of qr//, this is not a performance hit), t for the rest
	С-с С-х	(cperl-next-interpolated-REx-0)	Move point to next REx which has interpolated parts without //o.
	С-с С-у	(cperl-next-interpolated-REx-1)	Move point to next REx which has interpolated parts without //o. Skips RExes consisting of one interpolated variable. Note that skipped RExen are not performance hits.
Deleted and possibly untabify	DEL	(cperl-electric-backspace ARG)	Backspace, or remove whitespace around the point inserted by an electric key. • Will untabify if 'cperl-electric-backspace-untabify' is non-nil.
Start Perl REPL	<f11> z r P</f11>	(peri-repi)	Run a Perl REPL in a *Perl-REPL* buffer.
See: <u>Satart Shells/</u> <u>REPLs</u>	<f12> z</f12>		 Requires the perl-repl external package activated by perl-use-perl-repl user-option. The perl-repl-file-path user option specifies the name of the Perl REPL program, which may optionally specify the explicit file path. PEL provides the perl-repl shell script which uses the Perl command line.

Emacs & Perl — References

Document	Notes
Perl @ Wikipedia	
perl.org	
Learn Perl @ perl.org • Perl Style Guide	Perl Tutorial - a gentle introduction to Perl with several examples over a browsable set of pages. Perl Intro - a quick introduction to Perl Online Perl books Beginning Perl
Perl Reference Manuals	Perl Keywords, Perl Operators. Also see the Perl ABC Operator page: organizes the information in sections (but has some markup typos). Perl Functions
Is Perl still relevant? Most probably.	What makes Perl relevant in 2022? @ Stackoverflow blog. Perl is dying quick. Could be extinct by 2023. The HFT Guy, 2019. (which includes several invalid points). My point is that Perl was popular, there's a lot of Perl code still being used and it's worth knowing and being able to write and edit Perl code (which was certainly not the first programming language as state by the article). But anyway, the post represents a point of view (and has many people commenting on it). Perl is making a comeback: 5 reasons why it's worth learning. Posted January 6, 2023 by Lucas Rees. Why Perl Didn't Win on outspeaking.com, updated December 21, 2020

Perl and Secure Coding Practice and Tools	Security Issues in Perl Scripts - by Jordan Dimov - Discussion of misused and overlooked features of Perl from the security point of view. SEI CERT Perl Coding Standard @ Carnegie Mellon University The CERT Perl Secure Coding Standard, by David Svoboda , June 25, 2012 perlsec describes Perl security. Tools: The perlcritic script uses Perl::Critic to scan Perl code and provides some listing advices. On some Linux distros you can install it with: sudo dnf install perl-Perl-Critic The perltidy application reformats Perl code to the promoted format. The zarn static analyzer, hosted on Github, is another static analyzer for Perl. (Quite immature as of Oct. 2024).
Perl File name extensions	 .pl Perl non executable libraries, also used for Perl scripts (but a file with no extension and a shebang line is also fine, and preferable, allowing the invocation of the script without having to type the '.pl'). .pm Perl modules. .plx Used by Active State implementation. Identifies executable Perl scripts. Also used elsewhere to distinguish from Prolog (which also uses the .pl file extension). .pls .xs .t .pod Plain Old Documentation files, a lightweight markup language used to document Perl code. .cgi .psgi
Perl programs	Perl command line options
• perl	Perl language interpreter
perlbug / perlthanks	Describes how to submit bug report on Perl
• peridoc	Print Perl Documentation, looking it up in the .pod format embedded in perl installation. Support following options: • -f: <u>built-in functions</u> • -q: FAQ keyword search • -v: <u>variable</u> • -a perl API
• perlivp	Perl Installation Verification Procedure : checks Perl installation. Part of perl-level package.
perlsec - Perl security	
Getting Perl Modules with CPAN: • CPAN @ Wikipedia • The Zen of Comprehensive Archive Networks • CPAN • Search CPAN — meta::cpan • PAUSE - Perl Authors Upload Server	Command line tools interacting with CPAN: • cpan : install on some Linux with: sudo dnf install perl-CPAN • cpanplus • cpanminus: cpanm: install on some Linux with: sudo dnf install perl-App-cpanminus