Emacs support for Ruby

Description	Keystroke	Function	Note		
Ruby Editing	Emacs provides the built-in ruby-mode to support Ruby programming.				
	PEL activates Ruby support with the pel-use-ruby user-options. When it is turned on the <f11> SPC U prefix is made available. In a ruby buffer these commands are accessible via the <f12> key. It also activates the ability to activate minor modes for the ruby major mode through the PEL pel-ruby-activates-minor-modes user-option.</f12></f11>				
	PEL support for Ruby is not complete. More commands should be provided and documented. Ruby support is preliminary.				
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Open this PDF file. See also: <u>∑ Help/Info</u>	<f11> SPC U <f1> <f12> <f1></f1></f12></f1></f11>	(pel-help-pdf &optional OPEN-WEB-PAGE)	Open the <u>\$M - Ruby</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 user-option is set it's the other way around.		
∑ Customize PEL Ruby	<f11> SPC U <f2></f2></f11>	(pel-customize-pel &optional OTHER-	Customize PEL Ruby support.		
support	<f12> <f2></f2></f12>	WINDOW)	If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in another window.		
∑ Customize Emacs Ruby support	<f11> SPC U <f3></f3></f11>	(pel-customize-library &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize Emacs Ruby support: ruby. • If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C - u), display in another window.		
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Select ruby-mode for extension-less file The <f12> key is</f12>	<f12></f12>	(pel-as &optional FORCE)	Inside a fundamental-mode buffer, interactively select major mode for the buffer. Re-do it with arg. see Create extension-less executable scripts with PEL.		
available only until a PEL controlled major mode is activated. Then	This command is mostly used to set the major mode of a buffer in fundamental-mode', when the <f12> key binding is available for it. After being used once in a buffer the major mode is selected and the PEL key binding will not be available when PEL supports the major mode. For Ruby file, select ruby. It will insert a shebang line specified by Pel-ruby-shebang-line user option.</f12>				
it becomes a buffer prefix key.	PEL defines the (as &optional FORCE) alias unless depel-has-alias-as user-option is set to nil. You can use M-x as to invoke it.				
Comments					
Toggle display of comments in buffer or active region See also: ∑ Comments	<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. • This requires the PEL activates it when the replication or whole buffer.		
Generic code skeletons	Several mechanisms have bone.	been developed to allow easy insertion of prede	fined text in Emacs. 🔥 PEL does not yet define skeletons for Ruby. You can use the generic		
• tempo skeletons See also:	 Emacs provides the built-in skeleton mechanism and the tempo skeletons. PEL supports both. They are used a little bit differently. PEL provides generic tempo skeletons you can use for Ruby until PEL adds Ruby-specific skeletons. 				
• <u>S Inserting Text</u> • <u>T Templates</u>	 PEL supports both. They are used a little bit differently. PEL provides generic tempo skeletons you can use for huby until PEL adds huby-specific skeletons. PEL provides key bindings to the tempo skeletons: the generic code templates, accessible via the <f6> prefix key, and the language-specific code template accessible via the <f12> key prefix.</f12></f6> 				
<u>S</u> Customize PEL Text Insertions control for Ruby code skeletons.	<f6> <f2></f2></f6>	(pel-customize-pel & optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Open the customization groups that control the format of the various skeletons including the generic skeleton used by the <f6> h key and the <f12><f12> h key (see below). • If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in other window.</f12></f12></f6>		
Ruby code skeletons.	<f12> <f12> <f2></f2></f12></f12>	(pel-customize-generic-skels &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	• II OTHER-WINDOW IS HOTI-TIII (use C-u), display in other window.		
Insert generic file module header block – Language agnostic	<f6> h</f6>	(pel-generic-file-header)	Insert a file header block at the top of the file. Works only for buffer visiting a file. The command key binding <f6> h is available only 1 second after Emacs has started.</f6>		
After inserting the template, navigate	<f12> <f12> h</f12></f12>		⚠ As mentioned above PEL does not yet define Ruby-specific skeletons, this uses the generic one.		
though areas that must be filled with: forward: C-c. backward: C-c,	Specify the format of the header via the user-options in the pel-pkg-generic-code-style customization group accessible via <f6> <f2> • Inside a Ruby buffer, <f12> <f2> provides access to the following customization groups: d After inserting a template, use tempo-forward-mark and tempo-backward-mark to move to the beginning of each section that must be filled.</f2></f12></f2></f6>				
Toggle pel-tempo-	<f6> SPC</f6>	(pel-tempo-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle PEL tempo mode on/off.		
	<f12> <f12> SPC</f12></f12>				
	PEL tempo mode activates C-c . and C-c , as well as to C-c C and C-c C-, key bindings to navigate across tempo mark hot-spots. When pel-tempo-mode is active the pel-tempo-mode lighter (‡) is shown on the status bar. The second set of keys are only available in graphics mode. Solution The pel-generic-file-header command inserts the text using a tempo skeleton: the PEL tempo mode is automatically activated by typing <f6> h.</f6>				
Expand any tag in template	<f6> <f12></f12></f6>	(tempo-complete-tag &optional SILENT)	Look for a tag and expand it. All the tags in the tag lists in 'tempo-local-tags' (this includes 'tempo-tags') are searched for a match for the text before the point. The way the string to		
Note: PEL default skeleton does not use tags.	<f12> <f12> <f12></f12></f12></f12>		match for is determined can be altered with the variable 'tempo-match-finder'. If 'tempo-match-finder' returns nil, then the results are the same as no match at all. If a single match is found, the corresponding template is expanded in place of the matching string. If a partial completion or no match at all is found, and SILENT is non-nil, the function will give a signal. If a partial completion is found and 'tempo-show-completion-buffer' is non-nil, a buffer		
Ruby-mode			containing possible completions is displayed.		
control Toggle string literal	C-c '	(ruby-toggle-string-quotes)	Toggle string literal quoting between single and double.		
quoting Toggle block type	C-c {	(ruby-toggle-block)	Toggle block type from do-end to braces or back.		
	T		The block must begin on the current line or above it and end after the point. If the result is do-end block, it will always be multiline.		
Navigation		<u> </u>	nent what is described in the <u>Navigation</u> section.		
by block Move forward to end		ove point through Ruby code blocks	Mayo forward to the end of the gurrent block		
of current block Move backward to	C-M-n	(ruby-end-of-block &optional ARG) (ruby-beginning-of-block &optional ARG)	Move forward to the end of the current block. With ARG, move out of multiple blocks. Move backward to the beginning of the current block.		
beginning of current block	С-М-р	() Sognining-or-block applicital And)	Move backward to the beginning of the current block. • With ARG, move up multiple blocks.		
Move forward down one nested level	C-M-d	(smie-down-list &optional ARG)	Move forward down one level paren-like blocks. Like 'down-list'. With argument ARG, do this that many times. A negative argument means move backward but still go down a level. This command assumes point is not in a string or comment.		
Go up in the block hierarchy	• C-M-u • C-M- <up> • C-[C-u • Esc C-u • Esc C-<up></up></up>	(backward-up-list &optional ARG ESCAPE- STRINGS NO-SYNTAX-CROSSING)	Move backward out of one level of parentheses. • This command will also work on other parentheses-like expressions defined by the current language mode. With ARG, do this that many times. A negative argument means move forward but still to a less deep spot. If ESCAPE-STRINGS is non-nil (as it is interactively), move out of enclosing strings as well. If NO-SYNTAX-CROSSING is non-nil (as it is interactively), prefer to break out of any enclosing string instead of moving to the start of a list broken across multiple strings. On error, location of point is unspecified.		

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function definition	The <f6> cursor key mappings use <up> and <down> to move to the beginning of the function/class definition, and <left> and <right> to the end of the function/class definition. These work with function definitions and allow moving forward to the end of a class definition, but not backward to the beginning or end of a class definition.</right></left></down></up></f6>			
Backward to	• C-M-a	(beginning-of-defun &optional ARG)	Move backward to the beginning of a defun.	
beginning of function definition	• C-M- <home> • <f6> <up> • C-[C-a • Esc C-a</up></f6></home>	(With ARG, do it that many times. Negative ARG means move forward to the ARGth following beginning of defun. Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode (for C−M−a and C−M− <home>). It's always available for <f6> <up>: hold Shift after typing <f6>. This command moves to the beginning go the next function or of the same nesting level of the current location. It skips the functions and methods that are more deeply nested.</f6></up></f6></home>	
Forward to end of function and class definition	• C-M-e • C-M- <end> • <f6> <right> • C-[C-e • Esc C-e</right></f6></end>	(end-of-defun &optional ARG)	Move forward to next end of defun. With argument, do it that many times. Negative argument -N means move back to Nth preceding end of defun. F Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode (both keys). This command moves to the end of the next top-level function or class. It skips the nested functions and methods.	
Forward to start of next function definition	<f6> <down></down></f6>	(pel-beginning-of-next-defun &optional SILENT DONT-PUSH_MARK)	Move forward to the beginning of the next function definition. • Beeps if does not find beginning of next function unless SILENT is non-nil. • If the beginning of next function is found, push the start location to the mark ring unless DONT-PUSH_MARK is non-nil. • Move back to previous position with M─ or <f6><f6>. ■ Shift marking is available: hold Shift after typing <f6>. • This command complements what end-of-defun does. • It moves forward but not to the end of the function definition (like end-of-defun) but to the beginning of the function definition, which is often what users of other editors expect. • It handles nested functions or class methods in languages like Ruby and others.</f6></f6></f6>	
Backward to end of previous function definition	<f6> <left></left></f6>	(pel-end-of-previous-defun &optional SILENT DONT-PUSH_MARK)	Move backwards to the end of the previous function definition. • Beeps if does not find end of previous function unless SILENT is non-nil. • If the end of previous function is found, push the start location to the mark ring unless DONT-PUSH_MARK is non-nil. • Move back to previous position with M− or <f6><f6>. ■ Shift marking is available. ■ This command complements this set of 4 commands. • It handles most nested functions or class methods in Ruby but not always. In some cases it does not move the point. Better logic is needed. □ In the previous function of the previous function definition.</f6></f6>	
Highlight blocks	The following commands can be used to activate or toggle useful modes to highlight blocks of (), {}, and []. • show-paren-mode, which highlights the parens that matches the one before or after point. • rainbow delimiters mode, where matching nested parens are highlighted with the same colour.			
Toggle show-paren mode on/off	• <f12> M-9 • M-<f12> M-9</f12></f12>	(show-paren-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle visualization of matching parens (Show Paren mode). • With a prefix argument ARG, enable Show Paren mode if ARG is positive, and disable it otherwise.	
See also: <u>E Highlight</u>	• <f11> h (</f11>		 Show Paren mode is a global minor mode. When enabled, any matching parenthesis is highlighted in 'show-paren-style' after 'show-paren-delay' seconds of Emacs idle time. 	
Enable/Disable coloured highlight of	• <f12> M-r • M-<f12> M-r</f12></f12>	(rainbow-delimiters-mode &optional ARG)	Highlight nested parentheses, brackets, and braces with different colours according to their depth.	
nested blocks (),{},[] See also: <u>∑ Highlight</u>	• <f11> h R</f11>		Customize the depth and colours with M-x customize-group rainbow-delimiters Requires: rainbow-delimiters.el PEL activates this when the pel-use-rainbow-delimiters user option is set to t.	
Indentation	Indent/un-indent lines with f	following Ruby-specific commands. These com	plement what is available in the <u>S</u> Indentation section.	
Indent expression after point	С-м-q	(prog-indent-sexp &optional DEFUN)	Indent the expression after point. • When interactively called with prefix, indent the enclosing defun instead. • Does nothing if indentation is currently correct.	
Open the indent-tools hydra	• <f11> <tab> <f7> • <f7> <tab> • C-c ></tab></f7></f7></tab></f11>	(indent-tools-hydra/body)	Activate the body in the "indent-tools-hydra" hydra. Requires indent-tools external package PEL activates it when the pel-use-indent-tools user-option is turned on (set to t).	
See also: ∑ Indentation			 With PEL, this key binding is only available when: globally, when pel-indent-tools-key-bound is set to globally, in python-mode only when pel-indent-tools-key-bound is set to python. The actual key is selected by indent-tools indent-tools-keymap-prefix user-option, the default is C-c > 	
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	c: 'indent-tools-cc U: 'indent-tools-ur P: 'indent-tools-in 1: 'indent-tools-kil C: 'indent-tools-cc s: 'indent-tools-ce e: 'indent-tools-gc u: 'indent-tools-gc d: 'indent-tools-gc	emote', dent-end-of-defun', pmment', ncomment', dent-paragraph', dent-paragraph', letree', letree', lette', lette', lette', loto-end-of-tree', loto-parent', loto-child',	<pre>> indent</pre>	
See also: <u>S Hide/Show</u>	n: 'indent-tools-go	o', ottom',	The f key toggles the element folding. Press once to hide the sub-tree, press-again to display it back.	
Search Support	In Python mode, the superword mode can be useful since snake case is often used. Using superword-mode helps searching. PEL activates the superword mode by default in Python mode. To change this use the <f11> t <f2> to access the customize buffer.</f2></f11>			
Toggle superword- mode	• <f11> t m p • <f12> M-p</f12></f11>	(superword-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle superword-mode: a minor mode that treats <u>snake_case</u> as one word. In Ruby '_' are treated as part of words. • With a prefix argument ARG, enable superword mode if ARG is positive, and disable it	
See also: • <u>S Text Modes</u> • <u>S Search/Replace</u>			otherwise. • PEL provides the <f12> M-p key for the programming language modes where snake case is popular (Emacs Lisp, C, C++, Erlang, Python, Ruby, etc)</f12>	

Emacs & Ruby — References

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