

Programming Language Support — C++

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| Editing C++ Files <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CC Mode• File extensions• Speedbar• Customize<ul style="list-style-type: none">• indentation• using tabs• bracket style• auto newline | <p>Emacs supports C++ natively via the built-in c++-mode. This package extends the Emacs CC Mode built-in package which supports the curly-bracket programming languages like C++.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supported file extensions: code files: <code>.cc</code>, <code>.C</code>, <code>.CC</code>, <code>.cpp</code>, <code>.cxx</code>, <code>.c++</code>. header files: <code>.h</code>, <code>.hh</code>, <code>.HH</code>, <code>.hpp</code>, <code>.hxx</code>, <code>.h++</code>, <code>.ii</code>, <code>.inl</code> The <code>.inl</code> is added by PEL. The content of <code>.h</code> file is analyzed to distinguish between C and C++ and activate the appropriate major mode. <p>When pel-use-speedbar is set all these extensions are recognized by speedbar, otherwise only the main ones are recognized.</p> <p>Important aspects of C++ source code syntax controlled by the CC Mode are customizable with PEL user option variables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PEL customization for C++: Simplifies editing C++ code configuration. (To change, use pel-cfg-pkg-c++ with <f12> <f2>), see below).• Emacs customization group: pel-pkg-for-c++<ul style="list-style-type: none">• pel-c++-indent-width: Identifies the number of columns used for indentation. Defaults to 3.• pel-c++-tab-width: The width of a tab. Defaults to 3. This concept differs from indentation: you can have an indentation of 3 and tab width of 8: M-i will move point to columns that are multiple of 8 <tab> will indent to a column that is a multiple of 3.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For most uses it is best to set both values to the width of your needed indentation level. This way you can use commands that use either to control the indentation level.• pel-c++-use-tabs: Whether hard tabs are used in indentation or not: t: tabs are used, nil: only spaces are used. Default: nil.• pel-c++-bracket-style: The bracket/indentation style supported by the electric keys. One of the values supported by Emacs (also possible to define your own with Elisp code). Default to “stroustrup”.• Emacs customization group: pel-pkg-for-cc. Applies to all CC Mode related modes (like c-mode).• pel-cc-auto-newline: Whether automatic newline mode is active on all CC Mode (including c-mode). <p>The values for those user option variables can also be stored inside directory local files and even as file local variables. You can also modify them for each buffer and view their current settings using the commands listed in the following set of rows. None of the commands below change PEL default; they change the value for the current buffer only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PEL provides the following set of mode-specific key prefixes: <f11> SPC C, <f12> and <M-f12> The first one is always available. The other two prefixes are only available in c++-mode buffers. The <M-f12> prefix helps the typing flow when the next key is a Meta key. For simplification, the <f11> SPC C prefix is normally omitted in the table. | | |
| Open this PDF file. See also: Help/Info | <f11> SPC C <f1> <f12> <f1> | (pel-help-pdf &optional OPEN-WEB-PAGE) | Open the ⌘I - C++ 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 C++ support | <f11> SPC C <f2> <f12> <f2> | (pel-customize-pel &optional OTHER-WINDOW) | Customize PEL C++ support: <code>cpp</code> . • If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in another window. |
| Customize Emacs C++ support | <f11> SPC C <f3> <f12> <f3> | (pel-customize-library &optional OTHER-WINDOW) | Customize Emacs C++ support: <code>cpp</code> . • If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in another window. |
| CC Mode Style Management | Automatic indentation is done by the CC Mode according to its syntactic interpretation of the current line and the indentation mode in use. You can impose an indentation style by customization. But you may use source code written by others and want to continue using the same style. In those cases you can use CC Mode's ability to analyze the style and report it or start using it (installing it) with the following commands. Not all commands are documented here, see the CC Mode manual for more info. | | |
| Show/Modify syntactic context | C-c C-o | (c-set-offset SYMBOL OFFSET &optional IGNORED) | Change the value of a syntactic element symbol in 'c-offsets-alist'. • SYMBOL is the syntactic element symbol to change and OFFSET is the new offset for that syntactic element. The optional argument is not used and exists only for compatibility reasons. |
| Show syntactic information for current line | C-c C-s | (c-show-syntactic-information ARG) | Show syntactic information for current line. • With universal argument, inserts the analysis as a comment on that line. |
| Guess the style used in the current buffer, do not install it | M-x c-guess-buffer-no-install | (c-guess-buffer-no-install &optional ACCUMULATE) | Guess the style on the whole current buffer; don't install it. • If given a prefix argument (or if the optional argument ACCUMULATE is non-nil) then the previous guess is extended, otherwise a new guess is made from scratch. |
| Guess the style of the code in the buffer | M-x c-guess-buffer | (c-guess-buffer &optional ACCUMULATE) | Guess the style on the whole current buffer, and install it. • The style is given a name based on the file's absolute file name. • If given a prefix argument (or if the optional argument ACCUMULATE is non-nil) then the previous guess is extended, otherwise a new guess is made from scratch. |
| Guess style in the region | M-x c-guess | (c-guess &optional ACCUMULATE) | Guess the style in the region up to 'c-guess-region-max', and install it. • The style is given a name based on the file's absolute file name. • If given a prefix argument (or if the optional argument ACCUMULATE is non-nil) then the previous guess is extended, otherwise a new guess is made from scratch. |
| Guess the style of a region | M-x c-guess-region | (c-guess-region START END &optional ACCUMULATE) | Guess the style on the region and install it. • The style is given a name based on the file's absolute file name. • If given a prefix argument (or if the optional argument ACCUMULATE is non-nil) then the previous guess is extended, otherwise a new guess is made from scratch. |
| View Guessed style | M-x c-guess-view | (c-guess-view &optional WITH-NAME) | Emit emacs lisp code which defines the last guessed style, so you can put the code into <code>.emacs</code> if you prefer the guessed code. • "STYLE NAME HERE" is used as the name for the style in the emitted code. If WITH-NAME is given, it is used instead. WITH-NAME is expected as a string but if this function called interactively with prefix argument, the value for WITH-NAME is asked to the user. |
| Determine syntactic context of current line. | M-x c-guess-basic-syntax | (c-guess-basic-syntax) | Determine the syntactic context of the current line. |
| CC Mode support Behaviour control | <p>The following commands can be used to dynamically change the behaviour of important keys such as the return key, delete key, semi-colon, etc.. The CC Mode controls the indentation and bracket style which controls what happens when electric characters are typed (when the electric mode is activated) and provide a better experience when editing C++ source code.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CC Mode state displayed in the mode line: <code>ℑC{...}</code> where:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ℑ is the CC mode programming language name: C, C++, ObjC, etc...• C is the C comment style: <code>'*'</code> for block command (<code>/* */</code>) and <code>'/'</code> for line comments (<code>//</code>)• {...} are the other electric flags:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• '1' for electric mode• 'a' for auto-newline mode• 'h' for hungry mode• 'w' for subword mode | | |
| Toggle Electric state | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• C-c C-1• <f12> M-e• <M-f12> M-e | (c-toggle-electric-state &optional ARG) | Toggle the electric indentation feature done with the electric character keys. • Optional numeric ARG, if supplied, turns on electric indentation when positive, turns it off when negative, and just toggles it when zero or left out. |
| Set indentation style | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• C-c .• <f12> M-s• <M-f12> M-s | (c-set-style STYLENAME &optional DONT-OVERRIDE) | Set the bracket/indentation style for the current buffer. • Prompts for the name. • Supports tab completion (so use tab to see the list). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be one of the values supported by Emacs but you can also add your customized mode with some Emacs Lisp code. |

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| Toggle syntactic indentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><f12> M-i<M-f12> M-i | (c-toggle-syntactic-indentation &optional ARG) | Toggle syntactic indentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Optional numeric ARG, if supplied, turns on syntactic indentation when positive, turns it off when negative, and just toggles it when zero or left out.When syntactic indentation is turned on (the default), the indentation functions and the electric keys indent according to the syntactic context keys, when applicable.When it's turned off, the electric keys don't reindent, the indentation functions indents every new line to the same level as the previous nonempty line, and M-x c-indent-command adjusts the indentation in steps specified by 'c-basic-offset'. The indentation style has no effect in this mode, nor any of the indentation associated variables, e.g. 'c-special-indent-hook'. |
| Toggle Comment Style | <ul style="list-style-type: none">C-c C-k<f12> M-;<M-f12> M-; | (c-toggle-comment-style &optional ARG) | Toggle the comment style between block (/ * */) and line (//) comments. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Optional numeric ARG, if supplied, switches to block comment style when positive, to line comment style when negative, and just toggles it when zero or left out. 👉 This is part of CC Mode. Use <f12> M-? to display the current state. |
| Toggle Hungry Delete mode | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><f12> M-DEL<M-f12> M-DEL | (c-toggle-hungry-state &optional ARG) | Toggle hungry-delete-key feature. Affects and C-d keys. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Optional numeric ARG, if supplied, turns on hungry-delete when positive, turns it off when negative, and just toggles it when zero or left out.When the hungry-delete-key feature is enabled (indicated by "/h" on the mode line after the mode name) the delete key gobbles all preceding whitespace in one fell swoop. 👉 This is part of CC Mode. Use <f12> M-? to display the current state. |
| Toggle text alignment on pel-newline-and-indent-below See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none">🔗 Align🔗 Indentation | <f11> M-RET | (pel-toggle-newline-indent-align) | Toggle variable <i>pel-newline-does-align</i> for the local buffer. This toggles the way function 'pel-newline-and-indent-below' operates. <ul style="list-style-type: none">If <i>pel-newline-does-align</i> is t, it aligns several syntactic element in the current block: the comments, the assignments.🔗 Identify modes where <i>pel-newline-does-align</i> is automatically activated (set to t) by adding the major mode to the list in the pel-modes-activating-align-on-return user option.This affects the behaviour of the following commands:<ul style="list-style-type: none">pel-cc-newline (assigned to RET in CC modes like c-mode, c++-mode and d-mode).pel-newline-and-indent-below (assigned the M-RET) |
| Toggle auto-newline insertion mode | <ul style="list-style-type: none">C-c C-a<f12> M-RET<M-f12> M-RET | (c-toggle-auto-newline &optional ARG) | Toggle auto-newline feature. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Optional numeric ARG, if supplied, turns on auto-newline when positive, turns it off when negative, and just toggles it when zero or left out.Turning on auto-newline automatically enables <i>electric indentation</i>.When the auto-newline feature is enabled (indicated by "/la" on the mode line after the mode name) newlines are automatically inserted after special characters such as brace, comma, semi-colon, and colon. |
| Change RET key behaviour: select return mode. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><f12> RET<M-f12> RET | (pel-cc-change-newline-mode) | Change the way the RET key behaves in the CC modes and display the new mode in the echo area. Changes from one mode to the next and then rotate to the first one. The modes are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">context-newline : the default : uses (c-context-line-break) with the extra ability to repeat its execution with an argument.newline-and-indent: uses (newline ARG t) to insert newline and indent.just-newline-no-indent: uses (electric-indent-just-newline ARG) ➡Emacs default is to use newline. PEL sets the default to c-context-line-break which provides more functionality for CC modes. A mode change is local to the current buffer and does not affect RET key behaviour in the other buffers using the same mode. 🔗 PEL user option pel-initial-c-newline-mode can be set to change the default for c-mode. |
| Display current Mode settings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><f12> M-?<M-f12> M-? | (pel-cc-mode-info) | Display information about current CC mode derivative for the current c-mode buffer. The information includes the information described in the following row. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><f11> SPC c M-? | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">CC mode style currently active, along with a list of styles associated with current mode. Change it for the current buffer with c-set-style (C-c . or <f12> M-s). The Emacs the c-default-style user option defines associations between major modes and the style to use. PEL provides the pel-c++-bracket-style that is used to set the style for c-mode. Use <f12> <f2> from a c-mode buffer to access the customization buffer to change it.Return key behaviour:<ul style="list-style-type: none">RET (return key) mode. Change with pel-cc-change-newline-mode (<f12> RET).Whether return performs alignment. Change that with pel-toggle-indent-align (<f11> M-RET).State of electric C++ characters (toggle it on/off with c-toggle-electric-state (C-c C-1 or <f12> M-e):<ul style="list-style-type: none">whether it is active or not, and when active what character(s) exhibit electric behaviour.whether auto-newline on some characters (',' and some other based on style) is active. Toggle this with c-toggle-auto-newline (C-c C-a or <f12> M-RET).The fill column: the column where force line wrap is done when the auto-fill-mode is active. Toggle auto fill mode with <f11> RET.Tab width and whether hard tabs are used. These are set by the user options pel-c++-tab-width and pel-c++-use-tabs. In a c++-mode buffer use <f12> <f2> to open the appropriate customization buffer to change them.<ul style="list-style-type: none">👉 Remember that tab width does not identify the indentation. It controls the spacing used in some commands moving point to the next tab stop column. Indentation is controlled separately. See next line.Indentation width and whether syntactic indentation mode is active.The style currently used for indentation and bracket positioning (they should have the same value). Emacs identifies several built-in styles but you can create your own. The example below shows “stroustrup”, identifying the Stroustrup C++ style used by C++ designer, Bjarne Stroustrup. You can dynamically change for the current buffer with c-set-style command (C-c . or <f12> M-s).<ul style="list-style-type: none">👉 CC Mode styles identify everything, including the number of indentation columns. PEL configures the style from the requested pel-c++-bracket-style and then updates the indentation and other settings from the PEL user option requested. This allows you to slightly modify an existing style without having to create a new style name for it.The comment style. Supports C-style (/ * */) and C++-style (//) comments.<ul style="list-style-type: none">This can be changed dynamically for the current buffer with the c-toggle-comment-style command (C-c C-k or <f12> M-;). C comment continuation lines can use 1 or 2 star characters: if a second one is used on a comment continuation line the remainder of the comment continuation lines used two stars, otherwise only one is used.Whether hungry delete is used by DEL and C-d. Toggle this for the current buffer with c-toggle-hungry-state (<f12> M-DEL). <div><pre>-UU-:----F1 a cpp file.cpp All (1,0) (C++//la WK Fly ^ Anzu Abbrev) ----- - active style : stroustrup. c-default-style: (stroustrup bsd) - RET mode : context-newline - Electric characters : active on: #*/<>(){};:, - Auto newline : on - fill column : 80 - Tab width : 4, using spaces only - Indent width : 4, using syntactic indentation - Syntactic indent : on - c-indentation-style : stroustrup - PEL Bracket style : stroustrup - Comment style : Line comments: // - Hungry delete : off, but the F11-⌘ and F11-⌘ keys are available.</pre></div> | | | |
| Electric Keys and Keywords | The following electric C/C++ characters have special meaning when the electrical state is active in a buffer using c++-mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none">Toggle electric behaviour in the current buffer with: with c-toggle-electric-state (C-c C-1 or <f12> M-e). | | |
| | # | (c-electric-pound ARG) | Insert a "#". <ul style="list-style-type: none">If 'c-electric-flag' is set, handle it specially according to the variable 'c-electric-pound-behavior', which can only be nil or 'alignleft'. If a numeric ARG is supplied, or if point is inside a literal or a macro, nothing special happens. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (•) | (c-electric-paren ARG) | Insert a parenthesis. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If ‘c-syntactic-indentation’ and ‘c-electric-flag’ are both non-nil, the line is reindented unless a numeric ARG is supplied, or the parenthesis is inserted inside a literal. • Whitespace between a function name and the parenthesis may get added or removed; see the variable ‘c-cleanup-list’. • Also, if ‘c-electric-flag’ and ‘c-auto-newline’ are both non-nil, some newline cleanups are done if appropriate; see the variable ‘c-cleanup-list’. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • { • } | (c-electric-brace ARG) | Insert a brace. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If ‘c-electric-flag’ is non-nil, the brace is not inside a literal and a numeric ARG hasn’t been supplied, the command performs several electric actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If the auto-newline feature is turned on (indicated by "/la" on the mode line) newlines are inserted before and after the brace as directed by the settings in ‘c-hanging-braces-alist’. Any auto-newlines are indented. The original line is also reindented unless ‘c-syntactic-indentation’ is nil. If auto-newline is turned on, various newline cleanups based on the settings of ‘c-cleanup-list’ are done. |
| | : | (c-electric-colon ARG) | Insert a colon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If ‘c-electric-flag’ is non-nil, the colon is not inside a literal and a numeric ARG hasn’t been supplied, the command performs several electric actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If the auto-newline feature is turned on (indicated by "/la" on the mode line) newlines are inserted before and after the colon based on the settings in ‘c-hanging-colons-alist’. Any auto-newlines are indented. The original line is also reindented unless ‘c-syntactic-indentation’ is nil. If auto-newline is turned on, whitespace between two colons will be "cleaned up" leaving a scope operator, if this action is set in ‘c-cleanup-list’. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ; • , | (c-electric-semi&comma ARG) | Insert a comma or semicolon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If ‘c-electric-flag’ is non-nil, point isn’t inside a literal and a numeric ARG hasn’t been supplied, the command performs several electric actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> When the auto-newline feature is turned on (indicated by "/la" on the mode line) a newline might be inserted. See the variable ‘c-hanging-semi&comma-criteria’ for how newline insertion is determined. Any auto-newlines are indented. The original line is also reindented unless ‘c-syntactic-indentation’ is nil. If auto-newline is turned on, a comma following a brace list or a semicolon following a defun might be cleaned up, depending on the settings of ‘c-cleanup-list’. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • < • > | (c-electric-lt-gt ARG) | If the current language uses angle bracket parens (e.g. template arguments in C++), try to find out if the inserted character is a paren and give it paren syntax if appropriate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If ‘c-electric-flag’ and ‘c-syntactic-indentation’ are both non-nil, the line will be reindented if the inserted character is a paren or if it finishes a C++ style stream operator in C++ mode. Exceptions are when a numeric argument is supplied, or the point is inside a literal. |
| Insert New Line(s) | The behaviour of the RET key depends on whether the CC Mode electric mode is active or not. When it is not active it simply inserts a new line. When it is active the point also moves to the proper indentation according to the syntactic context. The following commands can also be used. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With PEL the default behaviour can be selected by customization and modified dynamically for the current buffer with the pel-cc-change-newline-mode command (bound to <F12> M-RET) see the CC-Mode behaviour control section above. • The pel-cc-newline command also aligns comments and assignment in the code block if the pel-modes-activating-align-on-return user option list includes the current major mode. The state for the current buffer can also be modified by the pel-cc-change-newline-mode command (<f11> M-RET). | | |
| Insert a new line and operate according to the currently active selected return mode. With PEL, modify behaviour with <F12> M-RET . | RET | (pel-cc-newline &optional N) | Insert a newline and perhaps align. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With argument N repeat N times. • For newline insertion, operate according to the value of the variable ‘pel-cc-newline-mode’ which selects one of 3 commands (see the full description in the 3 row below): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c-context-line-break (PEL default for RET) newline (Emacs default for RET) electric-indent-just-newline • If the variable ‘pel-newline-does-align’ is t, then perform the text alignment done by the function ‘align’. |
| | Use : (c-context-line-break) : Do a line break suitable to the context. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When point is outside a comment or macro, insert a newline and indent according to the syntactic context, unless ‘c-syntactic-indentation’ is nil, in which case the new line is indented as the previous non-empty line instead. • When point is inside the content of a preprocessor directive, a line continuation backslash is inserted before the line break and aligned appropriately. The end of the cpp directive doesn’t count as inside it. • When point is inside a comment, continue it with the appropriate comment prefix (see the ‘c-comment-prefix-regexp’ and ‘c-block-comment-prefix’ variables for details). The end of a C++-style line comment doesn’t count as inside it. • When point is inside a string, only insert a backslash when it is also inside a preprocessor directive. | | |
| | Use: (newline &optional ARG INTERACTIVE): Insert a newline, and move to left margin of the new line if it’s blank. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With ARG, insert that many newlines. • If option ‘use-hard-newlines’ is non-nil, the newline is marked with the text-property ‘hard’. • If ‘electric-indent-mode’ is enabled, this indents the final new line that it adds, and reindents the preceding line. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To just insert a newline, use M-x electric-indent-just-newline. Calls ‘auto-fill-function’ if the current column number is greater than the value of ‘fill-column’ and ARG is nil. | | |
| | Use: (electric-indent-just-newline ARG): Insert just a newline, without any auto-indentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With ARG, insert that many newlines. | | |
| Insert an indented line below unbroken current line See also: ⌘ Indentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M-RET • <f11> <tab> RET | (pel-newline-and-indent-below) | Insert an indented line just below current line regardless of the position of point and move point to the beginning of the next line. Does not break current line. <p>For example if point is at the beginning, middle or end of the line it just insert a new line below the current one at the proper indentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If <i>pel-newline-does-align</i> is t, it aligns several syntactic element in the current block: the comments, the assignments. • You can toggle this on/off with <f11> M-RET. • 🧐 Identify modes where <i>pel-newline-does-align</i> is automatically activated (set to t) by adding the c-mode to the list in the pel-modes-activating-align-on-return user option. |
| Insert a newline | C-j | (electric-newline-and-maybe-indent) | Insert a newline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If ‘electric-indent-mode’ is enabled, that’s that, but if it is *disabled* then additionally indent according to major mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indentation is done using the value of ‘indent-line-function’. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In programming language modes, this is the same as TAB. In some text modes, where TAB inserts a tab, this command indents to the column specified by the function ‘current-left-margin’. |
| Open New Line in Context See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ⌘ Whitespace | C-o | (c-context-open-line) | Insert a line break suitable to the context and leave point before it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the ‘c-context-line-break’ equivalent to ‘open-line’, which is normally bound to C-o. See ‘c-context-line-break’ for the details. <p>👉 Normally C-o is bound to open-line. PEL rebinds it to c-context-open-line for the CC modes. If you want to open the line without indenting the next use open-line via <f12> C-o</p> |
| Open new line | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <f12> C-o • <M-f12> C-o | (open-line N) | Insert a newline and leave point before it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there is a fill prefix and/or a ‘left-margin’, insert them on the new line if the line would have been blank. • With arg N, insert N newlines. |






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| C++ Comments | 2 more characters have electric behaviour: / and * to help support comments in C++. C++ supports 2 types of comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Block Comments: /* comment */ Line Comments: // comment to end of line | | |
| | / | (c-electric-slash ARG) | Insert a slash character. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the slash is inserted immediately after the comment prefix in a c-style comment, the comment might get closed by removing whitespace and possibly inserting a """. See the variable 'c-cleanup-list'. Indent the line as a comment, if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The slash is second of a "/" line oriented comment introducing token and we are on a comment-only-line, or The slash is part of a "*" token that closes a block oriented comment. If a numeric ARG is supplied, point is inside a literal, or 'c-syntactic-indentation' is nil or 'c-electric-flag' is nil, indentation is inhibited. |
| | * | (c-electric-star ARG) | Insert a star character. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If 'c-electric-flag' and 'c-syntactic-indentation' are both non-nil, and the star is the second character of a C style comment starter on a comment-only-line, indent the line as a comment. If a numeric ARG is supplied, point is inside a literal, or 'c-syntactic-indentation' is nil, this indentation is inhibited. With this key it becomes easy to type the following two styles of multi-line block comment: <pre> /* Two star ** continuation ** prefix for ** multi-line ** C comment. */ /* Single star * prefix for * multi-line * C comment. */ </pre> When typing the "" at the beginning of the line, it indents automatically. If another "" is typed, indentation is set to allow a two-star continuation, otherwise it is placed for a single star continuation. |
| Comment/un-comment See also: ☞ Comments | M-; | (comment-dwim ARG) | Comment line or region with // or /* */ style comments depending on the comment style currently used in the buffer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When no marked region and no comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On empty line: insert comment starter at the proper indentation level. Typed again: move it toward end of line. On line with code: insert comment starter after the code for an end-of-line comment With marked un-commented region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comment region (each line is commented) With marked commented region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> removes the comment. Call the comment command you want (Do What I Mean). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the region is active and 'transient-mark-mode' is on, call 'comment-region' (unless it only consists of comments, in which case it calls 'uncomment-region'). Else, if the current line is empty, call 'comment-insert-comment-function' if it is defined, otherwise insert a comment and indent it. Else if a prefix ARG is specified, call 'comment-kill'. Else, call 'comment-indent'. You can configure 'comment-style' to change the way regions are commented: see <F12> M-; to toggle the comment style. |
| | C-c C-c | (comment-region BEG END &optional ARG) | Comment or uncomment each line in the region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With just C-u prefix arg, uncomment each line in region BEG .. END. Numeric prefix ARG means use ARG comment characters. If ARG is negative, delete that many comment characters instead. The strings used as comment starts are built from 'comment-start' and 'comment-padding'; the strings used as comment ends are built from 'comment-end' and 'comment-padding'. By default, the 'comment-start' markers are inserted at the current indentation of the region, and comments are terminated on each line (even for syntaxes in which newline does not end the comment and blank lines do not get comments). This can be changed with 'comment-style'. 🍌 If you try this when no region is marked and the /* */ style comments is active, the comment ends on the next space, which is probably not what you want. The command comment-dwim works better. |
| Fill current paragraph See also: ☞ Filling/Justification | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M-q <f12> F <M-f12> F <f11> SPC C F | (c-fill-paragraph &optional ARG) | Like <f11> t f p but handles // and /* */ style comments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If any of the current line is a comment or within a comment, fill the comment or the paragraph of it that point is in, preserving the comment indentation or line-starting decorations (see the 'c-comment-prefix-regexp' and 'c-block-comment-prefix' variables for details). If point is inside multiline string literal, fill it. This currently does not respect escaped newlines, except for the special case when it is the very first thing in the string. The intended use for this rule is in situations like the following: <pre> char description[] = "\ A very long description of something that you want to fill to make nicely formatted output."; </pre> If point is in any other situation, i.e. in normal code, do nothing. Optional prefix ARG means justify paragraph as well. |
| Toggle subword-mode See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☞ Text Modes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f11> t m b <f12> M-b <M-f12> M-b | (subword-mode &optional ARG) | Toggle subword-mode: a minor mode that treats sections of camelCase and PascalCase as distinct words. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a prefix argument ARG, enable Subword mode if ARG is positive, and disable it otherwise. |
| Hide/Show comments See also: ☞ Comments | <f11> ; ; | (hide/show-comments-toggle &optional START END) | Toggle hiding/showing of comments in the active region or whole buffer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the region is active then toggle in the region. Otherwise, in the whole buffer. 📦 This requires the hide-comnt.el package (see ☞ Comments). 🐛 PEL activates it when the pel-use-hide-comnt user option is t. |

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| Hungry Deletion of Whitespace | The CC mode provides two commands that can perform “hungry whitespace deletion” that can also be used in every mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 👉 PEL provides the convenient keys with the <f11> prefix keys for those 2 commands, available in all modes. In modes compatible with the CC Mode (e.g. for C, C++, D, Java, Pike, etc..) it is also possible to activate the Hungry Delete Mode to modify the behaviour of the simple and C-d, to perform hungry deletions. That's not currently supported in other modes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When the Hungry Delete Mode is on, the mode-line displays a 'h' to the right of the '/' indication of electric mode. The Hungry Mode also activates the key prefixes below that start with C-c. They are listed but remember they are only available once the Hungry state mode is activated (and that can only be done in modes that are CC Mode compatible). In modes derived from CC Mode you can also activate the hungry state to make standard delete commands delete hungrily, but that does not work for other modes. PEL provides the <f12> M-DEL key for those modes (like C++). Toggle hurry deletion mode of the DEL and C-d key for the current buffer with c-toggle-hungry-state (<f12> M-DEL). | | |
| Delete preceding char or all preceding whitespace. See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 Cut & Paste | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c DEL C-c C-c C- C-c <C-backspace> C-c C-DEL | (c-hungry-delete-backwards) | Delete the preceding character or all preceding whitespace back to the previous non-whitespace character. In terminal mode, even though C- , <C-backspace> and C-DEL are not available, they are mapped to the non-control key so attempting to type them end up invoking the command anyway because the first key bindings are recognized. 👉 With PEL, the <f11> binding is always available, in all modes. The other keys are only available in modes derived from the CC Mode. This prevents conflicts with other modes that may use the popular C-c bindings. |
| Delete next char or all following whitespace. See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 Cut & Paste | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c C-d C-c C-c C- C-c <C-delete> | (c-hungry-delete-forward) | Delete the following character or all following whitespace up to the next non-whitespace character. In terminal mode, even though C- and <C-delete> are not available, they are mapped to the non-control key so attempting to type them end up invoking the command anyway because the first key bindings are recognized. 👉 With PEL, the <f11> binding is always available, in all modes. The other keys are only available in modes derived from the CC Mode. This prevents conflicts with other modes that may use the popular C-c bindings. |
| Indentation | All syntactic indentation control for D is controlled by the CC-Mode logic and provided commands listed below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rigid indentation commands are also available and listed at the end of this list. They are also listed in the 🔗 Indentation table. | | |
| Indent current line or region See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 Indentation | <tab> | (c-indent-line-or-region & optional ARG REGION) | Indent active region, current line, or block starting on this line. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Behaviour depends on syntactic-indentation mode: on by default, toggled with <f12> M-i With syntactic-indentation on (the default): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Transient Mark mode, when the region is active, reindent the region. Otherwise, with a prefix argument, rigidly reindent the expression starting on current line. Otherwise reindent just the current line. 👉 Hit <tab> <i>anywhere</i> in the line to adjust the indentation of the line or marked area. With syntactic-indentation off: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <tab> always indent current line by one level C-u - <tab> or M- <tab> always un-indent current line by one level Marked region is indented without syntax knowledge at the same level as previous line. 👉 If you want to indent rigidly you can use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (pel-indent-rigidly & optional N) (bound to C-x <tab> and to <f11> <tab><tab>) to indent the line or region rigidly. (tab-to-tab-stop), bound to M-i to insert spaces to the next tab stop column. |
| Indent lines of list after point See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 Indentation | C-M-q | (indent-pp-sexp & optional ARG) | Indent each line of the list starting just after point, or pretty-print it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A prefix argument (C-u) specifies pretty-printing. Pretty-printing essentially uses more lines as it places the beginning of each list on a new line. |
| Indent current function or class | C-c C-q | (c-indent-defun) | Indent the content of the current top-level function or class. Leaves point unchanged. |
| Indent a region | C-M- \ | (indent-region START END & optional COLUMN) | Indent each nonblank line in the region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A numeric prefix argument specifies a column: indent each line to that column. With no prefix argument, the command chooses one of these methods and indents all the lines with it: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> If 'fill-prefix' is non-nil, insert 'fill-prefix' at the beginning of each line in the region that does not already begin with it. If 'indent-region-function' is non-nil, call that function to indent the region. Indent each line via 'indent-according-to-mode'. 👉 When a region is marked you can also use the simple <tab> to do the same when syntactic-indentation is active. |
| Non Syntactic Indentation | Emacs provides the following command to indent without regards to semantics. More information on indentation is available in the 🔗 Indentation table. For most editing scenarios, it's best to set pel-c++-tab-width and pel-c++-indent-width to the same value: the first 2 commands use the value of pel-c++-tab-width while the other 2 use pel-c++-indent-width . | | |
| Insert spaces or tabs to next defined tab-stop column See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 Indentation | M-i | (tab-to-tab-stop) | Insert spaces or tabs to next defined tab-stop column. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The exact location of the next tab stop is identified by the value of the tab-stop-list and tab-width for the current buffer. With PEL, the tab-stop interval is controlled by the value of pel-c++-tab-width. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PEL sets tab-width to the value of pel-c++-tab-width for each c++-mode buffer. |
| Indent/Unindent rigidly See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 Indentation 🔗 Key-Chords | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-x <tab> <f11> <tab> <tab> <tab>q | (pel-indent-rigidly & optional N) | Indent rigidly the marked region or current line N times. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a region is marked, it uses 'indent-rigidly' and provides the same prompts to control indentation changes. If no region is marked, it operates on current line(s) identified by the numeric argument N (or if not specified N=1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> N = [-1, 0, 1] : operate on current line N > 1 : operate on the current line and N-1 lines below. N < -1 : operate on the current line and (abs N) -1 lines above. |
| <p>✂️ PEL rebinds this key, but it extends the functionality: pel-indent-rigidly uses the original indent-rigidly.</p> <p>indent-rigidly Indent all lines starting in the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If called interactively with no prefix argument, activate a transient mode in which the indentation can be adjusted interactively by typing <left>, <right>, <S-left>, or <S-right>. <p>Both of these commands activate a transient mode where Emacs prompts for extra keys to control how to indent. Indenting and un-indenting is possible. The capabilities are controlled by the variable <i>indent-rigidly-map</i> with by default provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> S-<right> indent-rigidly-right-to-tab-stop S-<left> indent-rigidly-left-to-tab-stop <right> indent-rigidly-right <left> indent-rigidly-left <p>Typing any other key deactivates the transient mode.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The S-<right> and S-<left> keys indent/de-indent to the next tab-stop position, which is controlled by the tab-width user option. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With PEL, the tab-stop interval is controlled by the value of pel-c++-tab-width. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PEL sets tab-width to the value of pel-c++-tab-width for each c++-mode buffer. <p>⚠️ If you use the cua-mode: the cua-mode uses C-x, to invoke this command when cua-mode is active, type it really fast or type C-x C-x <tab> (or use the PEL binding <f11> <tab> <tab>).</p> | | | |

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| Indent line(s) rigidly See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 Indentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f6> <tab> <f11> <tab> c | (pel-indent-lines &optional N) | Indent current or marked lines by N indentation levels controlled by pel-c++-indent-width . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works with point anywhere on the line. All lines touched by the region are indented. A special argument N can specify more than one indentation level. It defaults to 1. If a negative number is specified, 'pel-unindent-lines' is used. If a region is marked, the function does not deactivate it to allow repeated execution of the command. It also modifies the region to include all characters in all affected lines. Use C–g to de-activate the region. Handles presence of hard tabs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If indent-tabs-mode is non-nil the indentation is created with a mix of hard-tabs and space characters. If indent-tabs-mode is nil, any hard tab in the indentation of the marked lines is replaced by the proper number of spaces. Hard tabs after first non-whitespace character on the line are left. |
| Un-indent line(s) rigidly See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 Indentation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <backtab> <f6> <backtab> <f11> <tab> C | (pel-unindent-lines &optional N) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Un-indent current line or marked lines by N indentation levels controlled by pel-c++-indent-width. Works with point is anywhere on the line. All lines touched by the region are un-indented. If region was marked, the function does not deactivate it to allow repeated execution of the command. If a region was marked, the function does not deactivate it to allow repeated execution of the command. It also modifies the region to include all characters in all affected lines Use C–g to de-activate the region. Handles presence of hard tabs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If indent-tabs-mode is non-nil the indentation is created with a mix of hard-tabs and space characters. If indent-tabs-mode is nil, any hard tab in the indentation of the marked lines is replaced by the proper number of spaces. Hard tabs after first non-whitespace character on the line are left. |
| Tempo skeletons for C++ See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 Inserting Text for more info and information about tempo skeleton and yasnippet template-based text insertion | PEL provides support for flexible text template insertion through the Emacs built-in tempo skeleton mechanism. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PEL creates key bindings to invoke the skeletons in the supported major modes, using the same key prefix sequence for each mode: <f12> <f12>, with the same key bindings for equivalent concepts (such as file header block) as much as possible. 🔗 Several aspects of the PEL Emacs Lisp Source Code Style is controlled by the user options inside the pel-c++-code-style group. This group can be edited with <f12> <f12> <f2> from a C++ mode buffer and include the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pel-c++-skel-module-header-block-style : allows selecting a user-define module-header comment block. pel-c++-skel-insert-file-timestamp : set whether an automatically updated timestamp is inserted in the file header block. pel-c++-skel-use-separators : set whether blocks use horizontal separator lines. pel-c++-skel-doc-markup 📄 : identifies the documentation markup supported by the templates. Not yet implemented. pel-c++-skel-cfile-section-titles : identifies documentation section titles inserted in code files. pel-c++-skel-hfile-section-titles : identifies documentation section titles inserted in header files. A section titled “.” split sections placed before and after the include guard. If not present all sections are placed after the include guard. pel-c++-skel-insert-function-sections : set whether C++ function templates are inserted in the function description comment. pel-c++-skell-function-section-titles : identifies title of the C++ function templates sections inserted when pel-c++-skel-insert-function-sections is t. pel-c++-skel-function-define-style : select the C++ function comment block style. Several styles are provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no special comment a basic, free-format style to describe the function above its code. a Man-page style comment block with the sections identified by pel-c++-skell-function-section-titles a user defined tempo skeleton loaded from a user specified file name. See the source code example. pel-c++-skel-function-name-on-first-column : identifies whether return type is located on the same line as function name or just above. pel-c++-skel-with-license : specify whether copy right and code license is specified. An option provide ability to insert open source software license text controlled by 📄 lice. pel-c++-use-include-guards : specify which type of include guard is inserted in header files. The available choices are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no include guard use #pragma once statement use classic #ifdef/#define/#endif block using symbol created from file name use a #ifdef/#define/#endif block using symbol created from file name and UUID for its uniqueness. 👉 Emacs user options by default take effect globally. But by using file and directory variables (see 🔗 File/Directory Variables) they can also be used to take effect on a single file or all files inside a directory tree. So by default, the user options that control the PEL tempo template take effect globally. If you want to change the behaviour for only one file, write the user option control block at the end of that file. If you want to control the behaviour of the PEL tempo templates for all files inside a directory tree create a .dir-locals file and store the values of the relevant options variables inside that file. This allows you to control the user options affecting the format of the tempo templates precisely and does not affect what you actually type. Once a skeleton was just entered (or later by activating the pel-tempo-mode) you can move to the next or previous point of interest (so called <i>tempo-marks</i>) with the standard tempo-mode keys C–c M–f and C–c M–b or some other keys like C–c . and C–c ,. | | |
| 🔗 Customize PEL C++ Skeletons layout | <f12> <f12> <f2> | (pel-customize-pel &optional OTHER-WINDOW) | Customize PEL C++ skeleton layout. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C–u), display in another window. |
| Insert a file header | <f12> <f12> h | (pel-elisp-file-header) | Insert a file description block. Distinguish between code files and header files. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prompts for the file purpose. For header files, include guard is inserted if requested by customization. The layout of the entered text is controlled by user options. It is possible to create a user-specified skeleton this command will used instead of the one provided by PEL. See examples of generated code located in the example/templates/cpp repo directory. Access the customization buffer by typing: <f12> <f12> <f2> |
| Insert a function definition with comment block | <f12> <f12> f | (pel-c++-function) | Insert a C++ function definition code and comment template. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The command prompts for the function name and its purpose. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can hit return both prompts to specify no text; in that case a tempo skeleton marker is left at the location where the text must be inserted and point is left at the first one. If you enter a function name, it must be a valid C function name (as far as the syntax is concerned). However leading and trailing whitespace is accepted and trimmed and dash characters ('-') are automatically replaced by underscores ('_') for convenience. If an invalid name is specified it is erased and you are prompted again. Use M–p to bring the old value back. Prompts for function and purpose maintain separate histories. Use M–p and M–n to navigate in the histories at the prompt. You can also use the <up> and <down> keys. The style of the code inserted is controlled by the user options inside the pel-c++-code-style group and the various C style element controls of the CC-mode. Use C–g to cancel at any prompt. |
| Insert a class definition | <f12> <f12> c | (pel-c++-class) | Insert a C++ definition code template. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prompts for the class name. Replaces dash by underscores. When pel-c++-has-doc-block is t, prompts for the purpose of the class. Capitalize the first letter and appends a period if there is none. The layout of the class definition is controlled by the following user-options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pel-c++-has-doc-block pel-c++-class-doc-section-titles pel-c++-class-members-sections : this identifies the member sections, their access (public/protected/private) and code/comment lines. The strings may contain the following markers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$\$: identify the location of a tempo mark (see the navigation commands below) \$class-name : replaced by the name of the class. |
| Insert #define | <f12> <f12> d | (pel-c-define) | Insert a C pre-processor #define statement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there is text between the beginning of the line and point, insert the statement on the next line, otherwise insert it on the current line, even if there is text after point (to allow inserting it before the name of the symbol to define). |

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| Insert #include <.h> | <f12> <f12> i | (pel-c-include-lib) | Insert a C pre-processor #include <> statement to include a library file. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there is text between the beginning of the line and point, insert the statement on the next line, otherwise insert it on the current line. If there is text after point, insert a new line to place that text on the next line. The .h extension is written between the angle brackets and point left right before the period. The next tempo mark is placed at the end of the line (so C-c . move point there). |
| Insert #include “.h” | <f12> <f12> I | (pel-c-include-local) | Insert a C pre-processor #include “” statement to include a local file. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there is text between the beginning of the line and point, insert the statement on the next line, otherwise insert it on the current line. If there is text after point, insert a new line to place that text on the next line. The .h extension is written between the angle brackets and point left right before the period. The next tempo mark is placed at the end of the line (so C-c . move point there). |
| Toggle pel-tempo-mode | <f12> <f12> SPC | (pel-tempo-mode &optional ARG) | Toggle PEL tempo mode on/off. 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 are only available when Emacs runs in graphics mode. 🖱️ When a skeleton is inserted via the execution of one of the pel-rst-... commands, the pel-tempo-mode is automatically activated. |
| Jump to next tempo mark | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c M-f C-c . C-c C-. | (tempo-forward-mark) | Jump to the next mark in ‘tempo-back-mark-list’: the location where code must be updated inside the inserted skeleton. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These key key bindings are only available when pel-tempo-mode is active. |
| Jump to previous tempo mark | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c M-b C-c , C-c C-, | (tempo-backward-mark) | Jump to the previous mark in ‘tempo-back-mark-list’: the location where code must be updated inside the inserted skeleton. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These key binding are only available when pel-tempo-mode is active. |
| Tempo Template Tag Insertion | <f12> <f12> <f12> | (tempo-complete-tag &optional SILENT) | Look for a tag and expand it. 🖱️ Instead of using the <f12> <f12> key bindings above, you can type the template name (shown in the title column like “if”, “case”, etc) completely or partially and then hit <f12> <f12> <f12> . A completion buffer opens up if the template name is incomplete (or empty in which case the buffer lists all available template names). Select the template name and hit RET. Emacs expands the template. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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 containing possible completions is displayed. ➡️ Since only one template is available in emacs-lisp-mode, the usefulness of this command is limited here. |
| Inserting code | | | |
| Insert Parentheses | M- (| (insert-parentheses &optional ARG) | For C++: insert a parenthesis pair ‘()’, leaving point after open-paren. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A positive ARG encloses the following ARG sexps in parenthesis if they are balanced. A negative ARG encloses the preceding ARG sexps instead. No argument is equivalent to zero: just insert ‘()’ and leave point between. PEL makes ‘parens-require-spaces’ buffer local and set it to nil in C++ mode buffers, allowing the use of this command to insert the argument parentheses following a function (and without placing a space between the function name and the opening parenthesis. If region is active, insert enclosing characters at region boundaries. This command assumes point is not in a string or comment. |
| Marking | Emacs provides the following command to quickly mark the whole content of the current function. More mark commands exists, see the 🔗 Marking table. | | |
| Mark the complete function body See also: 🔗 Marking | C-M-h | (c-mark-function) | Mark complete function. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put mark at end of the current top-level declaration or macro, point at beginning. If point is not inside any then the closest following one is chosen. Each successive call of this command extends the marked region by one function. A mark is left where the command started, unless the region is already active (in Transient Mark mode). As opposed to C-M-a and C-M-e, this function does not require the declaration to contain a brace block. |
| Getting Syntactic Information | Use the following commands to extract syntactic information from the source code. | | |
| Display name of current function | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c C-z <f12> f <M-f12> f | (c-display-defun-name &optional ARG) | Display the name of the current CC mode defun and the position in it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a prefix arg, push the name onto the kill ring too. |
| Search Support | In C++ 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 C++ mode. To change this use the <f11> t <f2> to access the customize buffer. | | |
| Toggle superword-mode See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🔗 Text Modes 🔗 Search/Replace | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f11> t m p <f12> M-p | (superword-mode &optional ARG) | Toggle superword-mode: a minor mode that treats snake_case as one word. In C++ ‘_’ are treated as part of words. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a prefix argument ARG, enable superword mode if ARG is positive, and disable it otherwise. PEL provides the <f12> M-p key for the programming language modes where snake_case is popular (Emacs Lisp, C, C++, Erlang, Python, etc...) |
| Highlighting blocks | The following commands can be used to activate or toggle useful modes to highlight blocks of {}, [], and []. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 See also: 🔗 Highlight | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f12> M-9 <M-f12> M-9 | (show-paren-mode &optional ARG) | Toggle visualization of matching parens (Show Paren mode). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a prefix argument ARG, enable Show Paren mode if ARG is positive, and disable it otherwise. 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 nested blocks {},[],[] See also: 🔗 Highlight | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f12> M-r <M-f12> M-r | | |
| | <f11> h R | (rainbow-delimiters-mode &optional ARG) | Highlight nested parentheses, brackets, and braces with different colours according to their depth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 . |
| Navigation in C++ | This current list below describe the specialized commands only. See the others inside 🔗 Navigation | | |
| • By definitions | Move to the definition of function or type at point. See 🔗 Xref for more information to activate the various engines that support cross referencing for C code. | | |
| Find definition of identifier at point See also: 🔗 Xref | M- . | (xref-find-definitions IDENTIFIER) | Grab symbol at point and move cursor to its definition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there are more than one match, prompt in the “xref” buffer. To search for a symbol entered manually, type C-u M- . With dumb-jump this performs a search using ag, ripgrep or git grep if available. |

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| Go back to where M-. was last issued | M- , | (xref-pop-marker-stack) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pop back to where M-. was last invoked. Marker depth is controlled by the xref-marker-ring-length user option. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By functions By structures | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move to beginning /end of function definition blocks or structure definition blocks. Jump over comments. 👉 When point is located before opening brace or right after closing brace and show-paren-mode is on, the matching parentheses are highlighted. | | |
| Forward to start of next top level function or struct | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f6> n <f6> <down> | (pel-beginning-of-next-defun &optional SILENT DONT-PUSH_MARK) | Move forward to the beginning of the next function definition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move back to previous position with M-`. ➡Shift marking is available. 👉 This command complements what end-of-defun does. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Python and others. |
| Forward to end of current top-level function or struct. | C-M-e | (c-end-of-defun &optional ARG) | Move forward to the end of a top level declaration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With argument, do it that many times. Negative argument -N means move back to Nth preceding end. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-M-<end> <f6> <right> | (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. ➡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. |
| Backward to beginning of current top-level function or struct | C-M-a | (c-beginning-of-defun &optional ARG) | Move backward to the beginning of a defun. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Every top level declaration that contains a brace paren block is considered to be a defun. With a positive argument, move backward that many defuns. A negative argument -N means move forward to the Nth following beginning. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-M-<home> <f6> p <f6> <up> | (beginning-of-defun &optional ARG) | Move backward to the beginning of a defun. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>). However <f6> p handles Shift-marking fine in terminal mode. ⚠ This command moves to the beginning of the next function or of the same nesting level of the current location. It skips the functions and methods that are more deeply nested. |
| Backward to end of previous top level function or struct | <f6> <left> | (pel-end-of-previous-defun &optional SILENT DONT-PUSH_MARK) | Move backwards to the end of the previous function definition. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move back to previous position with M-`. ➡Shift marking is available. 👉 This command complements this set of 4 commands. ⚠ In some cases it fails to detect the end of the previous block and fails. 🚧 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By blocks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move across C statements and C scope blocks, or any group of (), [], {} or < > blocks. | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By List element | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move to the end or the beginning of a block | | |
| Backward block/list See also: 🔗 Navigation | C-M-p | (backward-list &optional ARG) | Move backward across one balanced group of parentheses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This command will also work on other parentheses-like expressions defined by the current language mode. With ARG, do it that many times. Negative arg -N means move forward across N groups of parentheses. This command assumes point is not in a string or comment. • C-M-p : ➡ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode . |
| Move block backward See also: • 🔗 Navigation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-M-b C-M-<left> C-[C-b Esc C-b Esc C-<left> ⚠ | (backward-sexp &optional ARG) | Move backward across one balanced expression (sexp). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With ARG, do it that many times. Negative arg -N means move forward across N balanced expressions. This command assumes point is not in a string or comment. • C-M-b : ➡ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode . • C-M-<left> : ➡ Shift marking works with this command. • ⚠ With PEL: if you want to use Esc C-<left> binding you must ensure that pel-windmove-on-esc-cursor user option is set to nil, otherwise it does something else. ♦ C-M-<left> does not work on Windows, but H-<left> works. 🖱 Several Linux distros map C-M-<left> to desktop workspace operation. In that case you can either use another key binding or change Linux key binding in Systems->settings->keyboard->shortcuts to prevent it from using that key sequence. |
| Forward block/list See also: 🔗 Navigation | C-M-n | (forward-list &optional ARG) | Move forward across one balanced group of parentheses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This command will also work on other parentheses-like expressions defined by the current language mode. With ARG, do it that many times. Negative arg -N means move backward across N groups of parentheses. This command assumes point is not in a string or comment. • C-M-n : ➡ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode . |
| Move block forward See also: • 🔗 Navigation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-M-f C-M-<right> C-[C-f Esc C-f Esc C-<right> ⚠ | (forward-sexp &optional ARG) | Move forward across one balanced expression (sexp). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With ARG, do it that many times. Negative arg -N means move backward across N balanced expressions. This command assumes point is not in a string or comment. • C-M-f : ➡ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode . • C-M-<right> : ➡ Shift marking works with this command. • ⚠ With PEL: if you want to use Esc C-<right> binding you must ensure that pel-windmove-on-esc-cursor user option is set to nil, otherwise it does something else. ♦ C-M-<right> does not work on Windows, but H-<right> does. 🖱 Several Linux distros map C-M-<right> to desktop workspace operation. In that case you can either use another key binding or change Linux key binding in Systems->settings->keyboard->shortcuts to prevent it from using that key sequence. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in/out of blocks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move in or out of C scope blocks, or any group of (), [], {} or < > blocks. | | |
| Backward Up/outside sexp hierarchy See also: • 🔗 Navigation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-M-u C-M-<up> C-[C-u Esc C-u Esc C-<up> ⚠ | (backward-up-list &optional ARG ESCAPE-STRINGS NO-SYNTAX-CROSSING) | Move backward out of one level of parentheses or nested blocks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. • ⚠ With PEL: if you want to use Esc C-<up> binding you must ensure that pel-windmove-on-esc-cursor user option is set to nil. • C-M-u : ➡ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode . • C-M-<up> : ➡ Shift marking works with this command. ♦ C-M-<up> does not work on Windows, but H-<up> does. |

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| Hide-ifdef Mode | <p>The Hide-ifdef mode can hide portion of the C pre-processor blocks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This feature hides blocks of code that would not be include in the expanded file according to the state of pre-processor symbols that are maintained inside the Hide-ifdef environment: the hide-ifdef-env association list Emacs variable (use <f1> v to see the content of these variables. See Help/Info. Note that with PEL, in the table below the commands reachable via the <f12> prefix keys can also be reached via the <M-f12> and the <f11> SPC c prefix keys. <div>  Several customize user option variables affect how the hiding is done (to change, execute: M-x customize-group hide-ifdef): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'hide-ifdef-env' An association list of defined symbols for the current project. Initially, the global value of 'hide-ifdef-env' is used. This variable was a buffer-local variable, which limits hideif to parse only one C/C++ file at a time. We've extended hideif to support parsing a C/C++ project containing multiple C/C++ source files opened simultaneously in different buffers. Therefore 'hide-ifdef-env' can no longer be buffer local but must be global. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (SYMBOL) is used when the SYMBOL is defined (but without explicit value) (SYMBOL . VALUE) when the symbol is defined with an explicit value. 'hide-ifdef-define-alist' An association list of pre-defined symbol lists. Use 'hide-ifdef-set-define-alist' to save the current 'hide-ifdef-env' and 'hide-ifdef-use-define-alist' to set the current 'hide-ifdef-env' from one of the lists in 'hide-ifdef-define-alist'. 'hide-ifdef-lines' Set to non-nil to not show #if, #ifdef, #ifndef, #else, and #endif lines when hiding. 'hide-ifdef-initially' Indicates whether 'hide-ifdefs' should be called when Hide-Ifdef mode is activated. 'hide-ifdef-read-only' Set to non-nil if you want to make buffers read only while hiding. After 'show-ifdefs', read-only status is restored to previous value. </div> <p>Key Prefixes: the <f12> , <M-f12> and <f11> SPC C key prefixes are available for all the following commands, although not all shown below.</p> | | |
| Toggle the Hide-Ifdef mode | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f12> M-# <M-f12> M-# * <f12> <f7> # <f11> SPC c M-# | (hide-ifdef-mode &optional ARG) | Toggle features to hide/show #ifdef blocks (Hide-Ifdef mode). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a prefix argument ARG, enable Hide-Ifdef mode if ARG is positive, and disable it otherwise. Hide-Ifdef mode is a buffer-local minor mode for use with C and C-like major modes. When enabled, code within #ifdef constructs that the C preprocessor would eliminate may be hidden from view. |
| Toggle read-only mode when text is hidden | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c @ C-q <f12> # r * <f12> <f7> R | (hide-ifdef-toggle-read-only) | Toggle read-only: toggle 'hide-ifdef-read-only'. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note that you can make the file read only by default when hide-ifdef is hiding text, by setting the 'hide-ifdef-read-only' user option to t. |
| Toggle shadowing of hidden text. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c @ C-w <f12> # w * <f12> <f7> W | (hide-ifdef-toggle-shadowing) | Toggle shadowing. When shadowing is on, text that would be hidden is "shadowed" instead: it is displayed with the shadow face (normally something dim, all depending of the theme used). |
| Hide content of all #ifdef statements that would not be included | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c @ h <f12> # H <M-f12> # H * <f12> <f7> H <f11> SPC c # H | (hide-ifdefs &optional NOMSG) | Hide the contents of some #ifdefs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assume that defined symbols have been added to 'hide-ifdef-env'. The text hidden is the text that would not be included by the C preprocessor if it were given the file with those symbols defined. With prefix command presents it will also hide the #ifdefs themselves. Turn off hiding by calling 'show-ifdefs'. |
| Restore all hidden into view | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c @ s <f12> # S * <f12> <f7> S | (show-ifdefs) | Cancel the effects of 'hide-ifdef': show the contents of all #ifdefs. |
| Hide part of current block that would not be included | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c @ C-d <f12> # h * <f12> <f7> h | (hide-ifdef-block &optional ARG START END) | Hide the ifdef block (true or false part) enclosing or before the cursor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With optional prefix argument ARG, also hide the #ifdefs themselves. |
| Show all parts of the current #ifdef block | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c @ C-s <f12> # s * <f12> <f7> s | (show-ifdef-block &optional START END) | Show the ifdef block (true or false part) enclosing or before the cursor. |
| Set a variable to a specific value | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c @ d <f12> # d * <f12> <f7> d | (hide-ifdef-define VAR &optional VAL) | Define a VAR to VAL (default 1) in 'hide-ifdef-env'. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This allows #ifdef VAR to be hidden. |
| Undefine a variable | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c @ u <f12> # u * <f12> <f7> u | (hide-ifdef-undef START END) | Undefine a VAR so that #ifdef VAR would not be included. |
| Save the symbol environment list into a named list | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c @ D <f12> # D * <f12> <f7> D | (hide-ifdef-set-define-alist NAME) | Save the state of the current hide-idev-env to a list with the specified NAME for later re-use. The value is saved inside the 'hide-ifdef-define-alist' variable. <div>  The list is not saved to disk. You may want to pre-create the value for a given project and store it inside your local directory variables for example. </div> |
| Use a named symbol environment list | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c @ U <f12> # U * <f12> <f7> U | (hide-ifdef-use-define-alist NAME) | Use an already saved symbol list with the specified NAME and store it inside the 'hide-ifdef-env' to be used in the editing session. Set 'hide-ifdef-env' to the define list specified by NAME. |
| Clear the complete list of #define'd symbols inside 'hide-ifdef-env' | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c @ C <f12> # C * <f12> <f7> C | (hif-clear-all-ifdef-defined) | Clears all symbols defined in 'hide-ifdef-env'. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It will backup this variable to 'hide-ifdef-env-backup' before clearing to prevent accidental clearance. |
| Evaluate pre-processor macro | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-c @ e <f12> # e * <f12> <f7> e | (hif-evaluate-macro RSTART REND) | Evaluate the macro expansion result for the active region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If no region active, find the current #ifdefs and evaluate the result. Currently it supports only math calculations, strings or argumented macros can not be expanded. |
| Rendering markup embedded in comments | <p>The following commands are used to create images from specific markup code embedded inside C++ source code comments. This can be useful when using these markup languages to describe UML diagrams or finite-state machines for example.</p> <p>You can also use Graphviz, see M Graphviz Dot</p> | | |
| Preview UML diagram from plantUML source in current plantUML region of commented source code See also: M PlantUML | <f12> u | (pel-render-commented-plantuml PREFIX &optional POS) | Render the PlantUML markup embedded in current mode comment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use region if identified otherwise use PlantUML block at point. Uses prefix (as PREFIX) to choose where to display it: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 (when prefixing the command with C-u) -> new window 16 (when prefixing the command with C-u C-u) -> new frame. else -> new buffer This can be used inside buffer using any major mode, when PlantUML markup is embedded inside source code comment. <div>  Use this in source code to describe your code architecture with PlantUML markup, then generate the UML rendering by moving point inside the PlantUML block and issuing this command. </div> <div>  Requires the plantuml-mode external package,  activated by pel-use-plantuml user option being non-nil. </div> |

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