



Description	Keystroke	Function	Note
toggle Perl auto-help	C-c C-h a	(cperl-toggle-autohelp)	Toggle the state of Auto-Help on Perl constructs (put in the message area). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delay of auto-help controlled by 'cperl-lazy-help-time'.
Toggle auto-newline	C-c C-a	(cperl-toggle-auto-newline)	Toggle the state of ' cperl-auto-newline '.
Toggle electric mode	C-c C-e	(cperl-toggle-electric)	Toggle the state of parentheses doubling in CPerl mode. When typing an opening parens character the closing one is automatically entered.
Toggle auto-fill mode	C-c C-f	(auto-fill-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle automatic line breaking (Auto Fill mode). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a prefix argument, enable Auto Fill mode if the prefix argument is positive, disable it otherwise. When Auto Fill mode is enabled, inserting a space at a column beyond 'current-fill-column' automatically breaks the line at a previous space.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f11> t f a <f11> RET 		
Toggle keyword expansion	C-c C-k	(cperl-toggle-abbrev)	Toggle the state of automatic keyword expansion in CPerl mode.
Toggle space fix	C-c C-w	(cperl-toggle-construct-fix)	Toggle whether ' indent-region '/' indent-sexp ' fix whitespace too.
Check code with perlcritic	<f12> c	(pel-perl-critic &optional VERBOSE)	Validate the Perl file visited in current buffer with perlcritic . Report error if it's not installed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With optional VERBOSE prefix argument, print extra information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full name of the Policy module that created the violation Full diagnostic discussion of each Perl Best Practice (PBP) violation. Show errors in compilation-mode buffer in a format that allows navigation.
Spell-check here-docs	C-c C-d	(cperl-here-doc-spell)	Spell-check HERE-documents in the Perl buffer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a region is highlighted, restricts to the region.
Find/fix missing whitespace code	C-c C-b	(cperl-find-bad-style)	Find places in the buffer where insertion of a whitespace may help. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prompts user for insertion of spaces. Currently it is tuned to C and Perl syntax.
Insert Perl new line	C-c C-j	(cperl-linefeed)	Go to end of line, open a new line and indent appropriately. If in POD, insert appropriate lines.
	It's a convenience replacement for typing return. It puts point in the next line with proper indentation, or if you type it inside the inline block of control construct, like <pre>foreach (@lines) {print; print}</pre>		
	and you are on a boundary of a statement inside braces, it will transform the construct into a multiline and will place you into an appropriately indented blank line. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use C-j for usual 'newline-and-indent' behavior. See 'cperl-electric-linefeed' documentation. 		
Newline and indent	C-j	(newline-and-indent)	Insert a newline, then indent according to major mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indentation is done using the value of 'indent-line-function'. In programming language modes, this is the same as TAB.
Indent Perl code	TAB	(cperl-indent-command &optional WHOLE-EXP)	Indent current line as Perl code, or in some cases insert a tab character. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If 'cperl-tab-always-indent' is non-nil (the default), always indent current line. Otherwise, indent the current line only if point is at the left margin or in the line's indentation; otherwise insert a tab. A numeric argument, regardless of its value, means indent rigidly all the lines of the expression starting after point so that this line becomes properly indented. The relative indentation among the lines of the expression are preserved.
Indent continued expression	C-M-q	(cperl-indent-exp)	Simple variant of indentation of continued-sexp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will not indent comment if it starts at 'comment-indent' or looks like continuation of the comment on the previous line. If 'cperl-indent-region-fix-constructs', will improve spacing on conditional/loop constructs.
Indent region	C-M-\	(cperl-indent-region START END)	Simple variant of indentation of region in CPerl mode. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should be slow. Will not indent comment if it starts at 'comment-indent' or looks like continuation of the comment on the previous line. Indents all the lines whose first character is between START and END inclusive. If 'cperl-indent-region-fix-constructs', will improve spacing on conditional/loop constructs.
Insert matching parens (toggle with C-c C-e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (< [(cperl-electric-paren ARG)	Insert an opening parenthesis or a matching pair of parentheses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Controlled by 'cperl-electric-parens' and 'cperl-hairy' user-options.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">)] 	(cperl-electric-rparen ARG)	Insert a matching pair of parentheses if marking is active. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If not, or if we are not at the end of marking range, would self-insert. Controlled by 'cperl-electric-parens' and 'cperl-hairy' user-options.
Insert : and indent	:	(cperl-electric-terminator ARG)	Insert character and correct line's indentation.
Insert ; and indent	;	(cperl-electric-semi ARG)	Insert character and correct line's indentation.
Insert { and indent	{	(cperl-electric-lbrace ARG &optional END)	Insert character, correct line's indentation, correct quoting by space.
Insert } and indent	}	(cperl-electric-brace ARG &optional ONLY-BEFORE)	Insert character and correct line's indentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If ONLY-BEFORE and 'cperl-auto-newline', will insert newline before the place (even in empty line), but not after. If after ")" and the inserted char is "{", insert extra newline before only if 'cperl-extra-newline-before-brace'.
Narrows to here-doc	C-c C-n	(cperl-narrow-to-here-doc &optional POS)	Narrows editing region to the HERE-DOC at POS. POS defaults to the point.
Spell-check POD documentation	C-c C-p	(cperl-pod-spell &optional DO-HERES)	Spell-check POD documentation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If invoked with prefix argument, will do HERE-DOCs instead. If a region is highlighted, restricts to the region.
Refactor: if (A) {B}' ➡ 'B if A;'	C-c C-t	(cperl-invert-if-unless)	Change 'if (A) {B}' into 'B if A;' etc (or visa versa) if possible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the cursor is not on the leading keyword of the BLOCK flavor of construct, will assume it is the STATEMENT flavor, so will try to find the appropriate statement modifier.
Lining up Perl Code : ↖ Align	It's often best to line up Perl code vertically , arranging elements as tables, to help reader understand the code intent visually. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This technique is also promoted in Damian Conway's Perl Best Practice book, Vertical Alignment section of chapter 2. See pel-align-words-vertically in ↖ Align. 		
Lineup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-M- <f12> 	(cperl-lineup BEG END &optional STEP MINSHIFT)	Lineup construction in a region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning of region should be at the start of a construction. All first occurrences of this construction in the lines that are partially contained in the region are lined up at the same column. MINSHIFT is the minimal amount of space to insert before the construction. STEP is the tabwidth to position constructions. If STEP is nil, 'cperl-lineup-step' will be used (or 'cperl-indent-level', if 'cperl-lineup-step' is nil). Will not move the position at the start to the left.
Move to next interpolated	C-c C-v	(cperl-next-interpolated-REx &optional SKIP BEG LIMIT)	Move point to next REx which has interpolated parts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SKIP is a list of possible types to skip, BEG and LIMIT are the starting point and the limit of search (default to point and end of buffer). SKIP may be a number, then it behaves as list of numbers up to SKIP; this semantic may be used as a numeric argument. Types are 0 for / \$rex /o (interpolated once), 1 for /\$rex/ (if \$rex is a result of qr//, this is not a performance hit), t for the rest
	C-c C-x	(cperl-next-interpolated-REx-0)	Move point to next REx which has interpolated parts without //o.
	C-c C-y	(cperl-next-interpolated-REx-1)	Move point to next REx which has interpolated parts without //o. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skips REXes consisting of one interpolated variable. Note that skipped REXen are not performance hits.
Deleted and possibly untabify	DEL	(cperl-electric-backspace ARG)	Backspace, or remove whitespace around the point inserted by an electric key. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will untabify if 'cperl-electric-backspace-untabify' is non-nil.
Start Perl REPL	<f11> z r P	(perl-repl)	Run a Perl REPL in a "Perl-REPL" buffer.
See: ↖ start Shells/REPLs	<f12> z		 Requires the perl-repl external package  activated by perl-use-perl-repl user-option. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The perl-repl-file-path user option specifies the name of the Perl REPL program, which may optionally specify the explicit file path. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PEL provides the perl-repl shell script which uses the Perl command line.

Emacs & Perl — References

Document	Notes
Perl @ Wikipedia	
perl.org	
Learn Perl @ perl.org <ul style="list-style-type: none">Perl Style Guide	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Perl Tutorial - a gentle introduction to Perl with several examples over a browsable set of pages.Perl Intro - a quick introduction to PerlOnline Perl books<ul style="list-style-type: none">Beginning Perl
Perl Reference Manuals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Perl Keywords,Perl Operators. Also see the Perl ABC Operator page: organizes the information in sections (but has some markup typos).Perl Functions
Is Perl still relevant? Most probably.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What makes Perl relevant in 2022? @ Stackoverflow blog.Perl is dying quick. Could be extinct by 2023. The HFT Guy. 2019. (which includes several invalid points).<ul style="list-style-type: none">My point is that Perl was popular, there's a lot of Perl code still being used and it's worth knowing and being able to write and edit Perl code (which was certainly not the first programming language as state by the article). But anyway, the post represents a point of view (and has many people commenting on it).Perl is making a comeback: 5 reasons why it's worth learning. Posted January 6, 2023 by Lucas Rees.Why Perl Didn't Win on outspeaking.com, updated December 21, 2020
Perl and Secure Coding Practice and Tools	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Security Issues in Perl Scripts - by Jordan Dimov - Discussion of misused and overlooked features of Perl from the security point of view.SEI CERT Perl Coding Standard @ Carnegie Mellon University<ul style="list-style-type: none">The CERT Perl Secure Coding Standard, by David Svoboda , June 25, 2012perlsec describes Perl security. <p>Tools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The perlcritic script uses Perl::Critic to scan Perl code and provides some listing advices.<ul style="list-style-type: none">On some Linux distros you can install it with: <code>sudo dnf install perl-Perl-Critic</code>The perltidy application reformats Perl code to the promoted format.The zarn static analyzer, hosted on Github, is another static analyzer for Perl. (Quite immature as of Oct. 2024).
Perl File name extensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">.pl Perl non executable libraries, also used for Perl scripts (but a file with no extension and a shebang line is also fine, and preferable, allowing the invocation of the script without having to type the '.pl')..pm Perl modules..plx Used by Active State implementation. Identifies executable Perl scripts. Also used elsewhere to distinguish from Prolog (which also uses the .pl file extension)..pls.xs.t.pod Plain Old Documentation files, a lightweight markup language used to document Perl code.<ul style="list-style-type: none">See also perlpod..ph.cgi.psgi
Perl programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Perl command line options
<ul style="list-style-type: none">perl	Perl language interpreter
<ul style="list-style-type: none">perlbug / perlthanks	Describes how to submit bug report on Perl
<ul style="list-style-type: none">perldoc	Print Perl Documentation, looking it up in the .pod format embedded in perl installation. Support following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none">-f : built-in functions-q : FAQ keyword search-v : variable-a perl API
<ul style="list-style-type: none">perlvp	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Perl Installation Verification Procedure : checks Perl installation.Part of perl-level package.
perlsec - Perl security	
Getting Perl Modules with CPAN: <ul style="list-style-type: none">CPAN @ Wikipedia<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Zen of Comprehensive Archive NetworksCPANSearch CPAN — meta::cpanPAUSE - Perl Authors Upload Server	<p>Command line tools interacting with CPAN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">cpan : install on some Linux with: <code>sudo dnf install perl-CPAN</code>cpanpluscpanminus : cpanm : install on some Linux with: <code>sudo dnf install perl-App-cpanminus</code>