Inserting Text

<u>Description</u>	<u>Keystroke</u>	Function	<u>Note</u>	
Inserting Text	The commands described in this table insert specialized text at point (cursor) location. This includes: • Customization to control automatic insertion of time stamp, update of copyright notice. 1. Simple command based text insertions: • PEL specialized commands to insert formatted text like time stamps, file path, file name, copyright notice, Greek letters, commented lines, etc • The lice external package activated by pel-use-lice user option, used to insert open source licence text. • The smart-dash external package activated by pel-use-smart-dash, used to automatically convert dash into underscore when typing.			
See <u>▼</u>	 The <u>smartparens</u> external package activated by <u>pel-use-smartparens</u> to provide automatic insertion of balanced block pairs for code. Specialized template-based text insertion: PEL <u>tempo skeletons</u> based templates for generic & specialized boilerplate file sections: file, class, function header, document section header. The <u>yasnippet</u> external package activated by <u>pel-use-yasnippet</u> to insert code from predefined snippets. The <u>yasnippet-snippets</u> external package activated by <u>pel-use-yasnippet-snippets</u> which provides a large amount of snippets. Hydra-based insertion of Greek letters: The <u>hydra-external package</u>. activated by <u>pel-use-hydra and pel-activate-hydra-for-greek</u>. 			
Open this PDF file. See also: <u>N Help/Info</u>	• <f11> i <f1> • <f11> y <f1> • <f11> _ <f1></f1></f11></f1></f11></f1></f11>	(pel-help-pdf &optional OPEN-WEB-PAGE)	Open the <u>Normal Text</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.	
<u>∑ Customize</u> PEL Text Insertions control	<f11> i <f2></f2></f11>	(pel-customize-pel &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize PEL text insertion support: lice, smart-dash, smartparens, tempo, time-stamp, yasnippet. Also pel-activate-f9-for-greek (see below). • If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in other window.	
<u>∑ Customize</u> Emacs Text Insertions control	<f11> i <f3></f3></f11>	(pel-customize-library &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize Emacs text insertion support: lice, smart-dash, tempo, time-stamp, yasnippet	
Insert Greek Letter See also: <u>▼ Input Method</u>	• <f9> % • <f6> g %</f6></f9>	Insert a greek letter: type <f9> followed by a key in [a-zA-Z] range inserts the Unicode character for the equivalent Greek letter. Examples: <f9> a inserts α <f9> b inserts β <f9> a inserts A <f9> B inserts B <f9> 1 inserts λ • The insertions work everywhere insert is allowed, including in response to prompts. • Use <f9> C-h or which-key mode and type <f9> to see all keys. The <f9> key binding is only available when the pel-activate-f9-for-greek user-option is turned on. The <f6> g binding is always available.</f6></f9></f9></f9></f9></f9></f9></f9></f9></f9>		
Quickly type succession of Greek characters		 After typing <ff> <f6> <f6> type one of the Meta letter keys in the hydra to insert a Greek character. Type any other character to insert them, latin letters, digits, punctuation characters, etc</f6></f6></ff> In terminal mode the cursor keys may not work because they are often encoded using Esc keys with is mapped to Meta. Requires the hydra external package. Activated by pel-use-hydra. You must also set pel-activate-hydra-for-greek to t to activate this hydra. Exit the hydra by typing <f7></f7> Call the hydra by typing <f7></f7> Call the hydra by typing Suffers Tools Defs Lisp-Interaction Help With this Hydra, you can type Greek text by pressing the Meta keys. Me αυτό το Hydra, μπορείτε να πληκτρολογήσετε ελληνικό κείμενο πατώντας τα πλήκτρα Meta. No prefix is active: all digit keys can be typed: 0123456789 H-u for undo is not available: use ``<f11> u v` instead.</f11> 		
		Exit the Hydra by typingUUU:**F1 *scratch* [M-a]: α, [M-b]: β, [M-c] [M-1]: λ, [M-m]: μ, [M-n] [M-x]: ξ, [M-y]: ψ, [M-z] H, [M-I]: I, [M-K]: K, [M-z]	ursor keys may not work though. Use C-b, C-f, C-n, C-p instead. <f7> All (9,29) (Lisp Interaction ω WK Anzu Fly ² ElDoc) 12:56pm : χ, [M-d]: δ, [M-e]: ε, [M-f]: φ, [M-g]: γ, [M-h]: η, [M-i]: η, [M-j]: φ, [M-k]: κ, : ν, [M-o]: ο, [M-p]: π, [M-q]: θ, [M-r]: ρ, [M-s]: σ, [M-t]: π, [M-u]: υ, [M-w]: ω, : ζ, [M-A]: Α, [M-B]: Β, [M-C]: Χ, [M-D]: Δ, [M-E]: Ε, [M-F M-J]: Φ, [M-G]: Γ, [M-H]: M-L]: Λ, [M-M]: Μ, [M-N]: Ν, [M-O]: Ο, [M-P]: Π, [M-Q]: θ, [M-R]: P, [M-S]: Σ, [M-T]: M-X]: Ξ, [M-Y]: Ψ, [M-Z]: Ζ, [<f7>]: cancel.</f7></f7>	
Insert time & file info	The following comman	ands insert time stamps of specific formats and name of the current file.		
Insert current date	• <f11> i d • <f6> d</f6></f11>	(pel-insert-current-date &optional UTC)	Insert current date (only, no time) at point. • Local by default, UTC if C-u prefix used.	
Insert current date & time	• <f11> i D • <f6> D</f6></f11>	(pel-insert-current-date- time &optional UTC)	Insert current date and time at point. • Local by default, UTC if C-u prefix used.	
Insert current filename	• <f11> i f • <f6> f</f6></f11>	(pel-insert-filename &optional N)	Insert the file name of the currently edited file at point. • By default, or with 1, insert filename of current buffer with complete absolute path. • With a numeric argument you can select the file name of the current buffer or the buffers in the 4 surrounding windows. 8: up, 2: down, 4: left, 6: right. Any other number identifies the current window. • When the numeric argument is positive the file with complete absolute path is inserted, • With negative numeric argument the path is omitted.	
Insert time stamp	• <f11> i t • <f6> t</f6></f11>	(pel-insert-iso8601- timestamp &optional UTC)	Insert ISO 8601 conforming abbreviated YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss format timestamp. • Local by default, UTC if C-u prefix is used.	
Insert software license text	• <f11> i L • <f6> L</f6></f11>	(lice NAME)	Insert license and headers at point. Prompts for license NAME, which is a license template name like "mit", "gpl-3.0", etc The list is available with TAB completion: hit TAB on prompt to get the complete list of templates. Requires the lice external package. PEL activates it if pel-use-lice user option is t.	

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Automatic File Time			les. It must be activated by adding the time-stamp function to the before-save-hook variable.		
Stamp on file save	(add-hook 'before-save-hook 'time-stamp) • The time stamp will be added to files that contain, inside their first 8 lines, a line that looks like one of the following:				
References: • TimeStamps @ EmacsWiki	Time-stamp: " Time-				
Change time stamp format			Emacs to update all sorts of time stamp formats, even inside source code statements:		
in: • markdown file	Emacs controls automatic insertion of timestamp with the following variables:				
reStucturedText file	 time-stamp-pattern consists of 4 parts, each one controlled by a variable: time-stamp-line-limit: identifies where in the file the time stamp can be located. Defaults to 8: the first 8 lines. 				
See also: File mngt	 time-stamp-start: identifies the text pattern that precedes the time stamp. time-stamp-end: identifies the end of the time stamp. time-stamp-format specifies the format of the time stamp. Something like "%:y-%02m-%02d %02H:%02M:%02S %u" to specify the date and time in ISO format, with the user login's name. time-stamp-time-zone specifies the time zone selection: nil : Emacs local time 				
	t : Universal time wall : system wall clock time				
		The time-stamp-format and time-stamp-time-zone variables can be set in your init file or via the Emacs customization system.			
	They are defined in the time-stamp customization group.				
	 Uncomplete the format or the pattern preceding or after the automatically updated time stamp, it is best to use file local variables: this will allow automatic time stamp updates in files with various formats. As an example, see the top and end of the PEL manual raw format file. 				
	 By default, the time-stamp string must be placed within the first 8 lines of the file, otherwise it will not be updated automatically. If you want it located somewhere else in your file set the time-stamp-line-limit file local variable. 				
			automatic generation of time-stamps:		
	 pel-update-time-stamp user-option controls whether time-stamps are automatically update time stamps in all files where a valid time-stamp corresponding to Emacs settings as described above. Set it to t (the default) to allow automatic time stamp updates. Set it to nil to prevent them. 				
	You can also toggle it globally for the current editing session by using the <f11> f M-t key sequence. ➡ To insert a non-updatable time stamp, the PEL package provides a set of text insert commands which include inserting a time stamp.</f11>				
Update file time stamp	<f11> f t</f11>	(time-stamp)	Force update the time stamp string(s) in the current buffer. • Updates a time stamp of format recognized by <i>Emacs current settings</i> even when automatic		
See also: <u>∑ File mngt</u>			time-stamp update is off. • More information about the "Emacs current settings" in the description block above.		
Toggle time stamp automatic	<f11> f M-t</f11>	(time-stamp-toggle-active	Toggle 'time-stamp-active', setting whether <f11> f t updates a buffer.</f11>		
update		&optional ARG)	With ARG, turn time stamping on if and only if arg is positive.		
Inserting & Automatically	Emacs has built-in support for insertion and update of copyright notices inside files. • Two commands, shown below, are provided to manually insert or update the file's copyright notice.				
Updating Copyrights	 The copyright notice following code: 	e can be automatically updated	d by adding the copyright-update function to the list of before-save-hook variable with the		
		(add-hook 'before-save-hook 'copyright-update) 1. To be automatically updated, the copyright notice must be placed within an area at the beginning of the file specified by the value of the			
			t 2000 characters. This variable is customizable.		
Insert copyright notice See also: <u>∑ File mngt</u>	<f11> i c</f11>	(copyright &optional STR ARG)	Insert a copyright by \$ORGANIZATION notice at cursor. • If the ORGANIZATION environment variable is not available, Emacs prompts for it.		
Update file's copyright notice	<f11> i M-c</f11>	(copyright-update &optional ARG	Update copyright notice to indicate the current year. • With prefix ARG, replace the years in the notice rather than adding the current year after them.		
		INTERACTIVEP)	If necessary, and 'copyright-current-gpl-version' is set, any copying permissions following the copyright are updated as well.		
A Only undete suiting paties	. copyright-update	does not warn if there is no co	pyright in the current buffer to update. It does not create a missing notice.		
 Only update exiting notice. Does not create one if it's 	🤞 🛂 If you want aut	omatic copyright notice update	es when a modified buffer is saved, set the pel-update-copyright user option to t .		
missing.		the following inside your init.el			
Insert Commented Lines			es or just underlines the current line of text using the character corresponding to one of the		
	adornment level used for reStructuredText sections. The strings are commented according to the major mode of the current buffer. If the buf no identified comment strings, the command prompts for them the first time it is used in that type of buffer.		s for them the first time it is used in that type of buffer.		
Insert commented line	<f11> i 1</f11>	nds are also listed in the <u>Cor</u> (pel-insert-line &optional	Insert a (commented) line before/at current line.		
	• <f6> 1</f6>	LINELEN)	If point is at the beginning of the line insert it there. If point is in the middle of a line, move point at beginning of line before inserting it.		
See also: Comments			The number of dash characters of the line is specified by LINELEN:		
			 If LINELEN is not specified the buffer's fill-column value is used. It supports several programming and markup language and uses the comment style identified 		
			by the file extension. If the comment style is unknown the command prompts for one. Fill-column is customizable and can be used as a file or directory variable.		
Comment-underline current line with level adornment 1-9	<f11> _ *</f11>	(pel-commented-adorn-1)	Insert a commented level-x reST line adornment at point.		
Comment-underline current	<f11> _ 0</f11>	(pel-commented-adorn-10)	:= 1 to 9 for levels 1 to 9 Insert a commented level-10 reST line adornment at point.		
line with level 10 adornment		(per-commented-adom-10)	moore a commented lever to test inte adominant at point.		

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Smart Dash Mode	 Anyone that has been writing Lisp code for a while knows that using dash as word separator instead of underscore is more natural and faster to type. Unfortunately most programming languages (all non-Lisp?) have restrictions on the characters available in identifiers and underscore is often used. Typing underscore requires hitting the Shift key and it annoys some people that enjoyed writing Lisp code. This is where the smart-dash-mode helps. You can insert underscore in text by typing the dash key without hitting the Shift key! A very useful mode. More information is available in the author's page. Requires the smart-dash external package. PEL activates it when pel-use-smart-dash is set to t. To activate smart-dash-mode automatically: for major modes supported by PEL, add smart-dash-mode to the pel- for other modes, add the mode name to the pel-modes-activating-smart-dash-mode user-option. 		
Toggle smart-dash mode	<f11> i -</f11>	(smart-dash-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle the smart-dash-mode on/off.
See also: •	When smart-dash-mode is active, it redefines the dash key to insert an underscore within C-style identifiers and a dash otherwise. This allows you to type all_lowercase_c_identifiers as comfortably as you would lisp-style-identifiers. While Smart-Dash mode is active, you can type C-q or use the minus key on the numeric keypad to override it and insert a dash after a C-style identifier character. You might need to do this if you want to type a cramped-looking expression like x-5. If Smart-Dash mode is activated while in a C-like mode (c-mode, c++-mode, and objc-mode by default, customizable with 'smart-dash-c-modes') it will also activate Smart-Dash-C mode, which translates "_>" into "->" and "" into "" automatically so that struct pointer member access and postfix-decrement aren't made more difficult by Smart-Dash mode's tendency to insert underscores at the tail ends of identifiers whether you want it to or not. Note that this will necessitate that you type literal underscores if you want more than one underscore in a row. In Numlock OFF: With no marked area: Insert a dash. Numeric argument for multiple insertion is not supported. Will marked area: With area marked with er/expand-region: In Numlock ON: With no marked area: Insert a dash. Numeric argument for underscore, dash otherwise Ignore the marked area semantically as controlled by er/expand-region For more information on the NumLock control and key support, see In Numkeypad.		
		, ,	tus of text modes including dash-mode. nort lighter of a green dash is showing in the mode line when smart-dash-mode is active.
Smartparens Mode • Smartparens manual See also: \$\times X\$ Smartparens	Simplify insertion of matching pairs with the smartparens minor mode. PEL binds a set of keys, described below, to toggle activation of that mode. This uses the smartparens external package. PEL activates it when pel-use-smartparens is set to t . Smartparents enhances the behaviour of certain keys, namely those that are part of any pair or tag.		
Help on smartparens	<f11> (?</f11>	(sp-cheat-sheet &optional ARG)	smartparens-strict-mode: SP/s Generate a cheat sheet of all the smartparens interactive functions. Shows inside Emacs buffer. • Without a prefix argument, print only the short documentation and examples. • With non-nil prefix argument ARG, show the full documentation for each function. • You can follow the links to the function or variable help page. • To get back to the full list, use M-x help-go-back. • You can use 'beginning-of-defun' and 'end-of-defun' to jump to the previous/next entry. • Examples are fontified using the 'font-lock-string-face' for better orientation.
Describe user system	<f11> (M-?</f11>	(sp-describe-system STARTERKIT)	Describe user's system. Prompt for starter kit: Evil, Spacemac, Vanilla. • The output of this function can be used in bug reports.
Toggle smartparens mode	<f11> ((</f11>	(smartparens-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle smartparens mode.
Toggle smartparens-strict mode	<f11> ()</f11>	(smartparens-strict-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle the strict smartparens mode. • When strict mode is active, 'delete-char', 'kill-word' and their backward variants will skip over the pair delimiters in order to keep the structure always valid (the same way as 'paredit-mode' does). This is accomplished by remapping them to 'sp-delete-char' and 'sp-kill-word'. There is also function 'sp-kill-symbol' that deletes symbols instead of words, otherwise working exactly the same (it is not bound to any key by default). • When strict mode is active, this is indicated with "/s" after the smartparens indicator in the mode list
Toggle smartparens mode	<f11> (M-(</f11>	(smartparens-global-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle Smartparens mode in all buffers. • With prefix ARG, enable Smartparens-Global mode if ARG is positive; otherwise, disable it. • Smartparens mode is enabled in all buffers where 'turn-on-smartparens-mode' would do it.
Toggle smartparens-strict mode	<f11> (M-)</f11>	(smartparens-global-strict-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle Smartparens-Strict mode in all buffers. With prefix ARG, enable Smartparens-Global-Strict mode if ARG is positive; otherwise, disable it. Smartparens-Strict mode is enabled in all buffers where 'turn-on-smartparens-strict-mode' would do it.
Text and code skeletons	Several mechanisms have been developed to allow easy insertion of predefined text in Emacs.		
• tempo skeletons	 Emacs provides the built-in skeleton mechanism and the tempo skeletons. PEL supports both. They are used a little bit differently. PEL provides key bindings to the tempo skeletons: the generic code templates, accessible via the <f6> prefix key, and the language-specific code templates, accessible via the <f12> key prefix.</f12></f6> 		
Generic skeletons	PEL provides generic tempo skeletons as well as some specialized for specific programming languages. The generic skeletons are less powerful but often good enough for most types of files. They support all types of files recognized by Emacs as long as Emacs understands the way comments work for the file type which is normally the case. If Emacs does not know the file type the commands assume the file uses a comment start only and will prompt for that string.		
<u>> Customize</u> PEL Text Insertions control	<f6> <f2></f2></f6>	(pel-customize-pel &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize PEL generic tempo skeleton customization groups that control the format of the various skeletons including the generic skeleton used by the <f6> h key (se below). • If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in other window.</f6>
Insert generic file module header block — Language	<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.
After inserting the template, navigate though areas that must be filled with: • tempo-forward-mark: C-c. • tempo-backward-mark: C-c,	Supports all text file types. • Supports all programming and markup language files that have a dedicated major mode. It is also available in buffers for major modes explicitly supported by the <f12> <f12> key prefix. This way, those modes can use two different commands to insert file header blocks, each having its own different format. • It supports several programming and markup language and uses the comment style identified by the file extension. If the comment style is unknown the command prompts for one. • 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. • Specify the format of the header via the user-options in the pel-pkg-generic-code-style customization group accessible via <f6> <f2> • The files that have no extensions are often used in Unix-like OS shell scripts. These files are also supported as Emacs can recognize them if they are stored in a bin directory. PEL also has special support for them and is controlled by the pel-sh-script-skeleton-control customization group, which is accessible as a child of the main group. • After inserting the template you can use the tempo-forward-mark and tempo-backward-mark to move point to the beginning of each section that must be filled.</f2></f6></f12></f12>		
	1 The command key	binding <f6> h is available of</f6>	only 1 second after Emacs has started.

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Toggle pel-tempo-mode	<f6> SPC</f6>	(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 of keys are only available when Emacs runs in graphics mode. In 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>
Jump to next tempo mark	• 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. • These key key bindings are only available when pel-tempo-mode is active.
Jump to previous tempo mark	• 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. • These key binding are only available when pel-tempo-mode is active.
Store PEL code template settings in .dir-locals.el to fine-tune layout of files in a directory tree	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.		
Example:	Although the default settings of pel-generic-skel-module-section-titles identifies the 3 sections "Module Description", "Dependencies" and "Code" you can keep this for other files but inside a directory you can force all shell-mode files to use 2 sections: "Description" and "Script" and ensure that all files have a 1-line copyright notice with the .dir-locals.el file containing the following code:		
	<pre>;;; Directory Local Variables ;;; For more information see (info "(emacs) Directory Variables")</pre>		
	<pre>((nil . ((pel-generic-skel-with-copyright . t)</pre>		
Entering Templated Text with Tempo Skeletons See also: • Major mode specific: • Mi - C • Mi - C++ • Mi - Emacs Lisp • Mi - Erlang • M reStructuredText	Emacs built-in support includes the tempo skeletons. PEL implements extension to the tempo skeleton Emacs built-in package under two prefix keys: The commands under the <f6> prefix keys insert template text that are adapted to each major mode. They are generic in nature, and dynamically adapt to the major mode and the comment style supported by the major mode. The layout of the templates is the same for every major mode, they differ only by the comment strings. The commands under the <f12> <f12> prefix key insert templates specialized for the programming or markup language of the major mode that support this key prefix. PEL attempts to use the same key bindings for equivalent concepts (such as file header block) inside each mode specific instance of the <f12> <f12> key maps as much as possible. The tempo skeletons provided by PEL can be quite complex and their formats are controlled by user options. PEL currently only support this key prefix with for the following major modes (more are planned): C, C++, Emacs Lisp, Erlang restructuredText</f12></f12></f12></f12></f6>		
Major-mode specific Tempo Templates Prefix	<f12> <f12> Key prefix sequence to the list of tempo skeleton commands. This command prefix is available only for some major modes (see the list in the first column) of the section row above. The commands under this prefix insert text specialized for their specific major mode, as opposed to the commands bound to the <f6> prefix key. For more information see the language specialized reference table.</f6> </f12></f12>		
Entering Templated Test with Yasnippet • See also: ∑ Customize	PEL also supports the popular yasnippet external package which provides a large set of code snippets for a large set of major modes. • To use yasnippets, you must type the snippet abbreviation and then hit the TAB key to expand the text. • Requires yasnippet activated when pel-use-yasnippet is set to t or to use-from-start. • Requires yasnippets activated when pel-use-yasnippet-snippets is set to t. • Use the key st1 i st2 to access the PEL Insertion customization buffer to customize these user options (see above, first row). • The list of snippets available in the current buffer is listed in the menu bar (see menus menus) and can also be listed using the yas-describe-tables command (which PEL binds to sf1 y t). PEL binds the following yasnippet commands to keys in the		

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Topic & link	Description
GNU Emacs Manual: Time Stamps	
Smart-Dash Mode homepage	A description of this extremely useful mode and why it was created.