

Function Keys Mappings

Function		shift (⇧)	control (^)	⌃⇧	meta (⌄)	⌄⇧	⌃⌄	⌃⌄⇧
Modifier Key		S	C	C-S	M	M-S	C-M	C-M-S
F1	Prefix: (help)	Prefix: 2C-command & more	unassigned	unassigned	unassigned ➢ F6	unassigned ➢ C-M-p	unassigned ➢ C-M-p	unassigned ➢ C-M-p
F2	Prefix for commands: 2C-..., bm-next, outline-...	unassigned	unassigned	unassigned	unassigned ➢ F7	unassigned ➢ C-M-p	unassigned ➢ C-M-p	unassigned ➢ C-M-p
F3	(kmacro-start-macro-or-insert-counter ARG)	(kmacro-start-macro-or-insert-counter ARG)	unassigned	unassigned	unassigned ➢ F8	unassigned ➢ C-M-p	unassigned ➢ C-M-p	unassigned ➢ C-M-p
F4	(kmacro-end-or-call-macro ARG &optional NO-REPEAT)	(kmacro-end-or-call-macro ARG &optional NO-REPEAT)	unassigned	unassigned	unassigned ➢ F9	unassigned ➢ C-M-p	unassigned ➢ C-M-p	unassigned ➢ C-M-p
F5	(repeat REPEAT-ARG)	(repeat REPEAT-ARG) and mark	(centi-assign)	unassigned	(pel-search-word-from-top &optional N)	unassigned	unassigned ➢ ~	unassigned ➢ ~
F6	Prefix: pel:f6	Prefix: pel:f6	unassigned	unassigned	unassigned	unassigned	unassigned ➢ ~	unassigned ➢ ~
F7	• Prefix for for key hybras : pel-use-hydra= t	unassigned ➢ <f19>	unassigned	unassigned	Used as prefix for some minor modes including narrowing, Smartparens.	unassigned	unassigned ➢ ~	unassigned ➢ ~
F8	Prefix: projectile (activated by F11 F8 pel-use-projectile= i)	unassigned	unassigned	unassigned	(man)	(woman)	unassigned ➢ ~	unassigned ➢ ~
F9	unassigned by default. If pel-activate-f9-for-greek set, then used as prefix for Greek letters. See Inserting Text	unassigned	unassigned	unassigned	unassigned	(pel-show-init-time)	unassigned ➢ ~	unassigned ➢ ~
F10	(menu-bar-open &optional FRAME)	(menu-bar-open &optional FRAME)	(buffer-menu-open)	(buffer-menu-open)	(toggle-frame-maximized)	(toggle-frame-maximized)	unassigned ➢ ~	unassigned ➢ ~
F11	Prefix: pel:	Prefix: pel:	unassigned	unassigned	Prefix: pel2:	Prefix: pel2:	unassigned ➢ ~	unassigned ➢ ~
F12	PEL Mode sensitive prefix	Prefix: mode sensitive	unassigned	unassigned	PEL Mode sensitive prefix Same as F12: helps typing sequences with Meta keys. The M-<f12> bindings are often major mode specialized commands for the more generic commands bound to corresponding M-<f11> key sequence.	(pel-scroll-down &optional N)	unassigned ➢ ~	unassigned ➢ ~

Special Legend for the above table

The colour and symbols used in the above table follow the standard legend described in [Legend](#) with the additional conventions listed here.

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unassigned	The key is not assigned by PEL.
unassigned	The key with this modifier is not accessible, and does not do anything, in terminal mode.
unassigned ➢	When pressing this key with this/these modifier(s) in terminal mode the action corresponds to the key identified after the ➢ symbol.
(toggle-frame-maximized)	In terminal mode the command toggle-frame-maximized is executed, but has no effect.
text in green	<p>Text in green describes a PEL specific feature. Symbols are in bold.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note that several per prefix keys accept the Shift modifier. This allows shift selection to be used with the commands bound to the key sequence starting with that key prefix.
PEL Mode sensitive prefix	<p>PEL provides mode sensitive keys that are globally accessible via the <f11> SPACE key sequence prefix.</p> <p>For example, when editing a buffer using the emacs-lisp-mode major mode, the <f12> prefix gives access to commands that are specific to Emacs Lisp. If you want to access the same commands while editing a buffer that use another major-mode, you can then type <f11> SPACE 1 prefix to get to the same list of commands.</p> <p>PEL provides a set of mode sensitive key binding sets for several major modes, but not for all of them. As time evolves the number of major modes supported will grow.</p>