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| Navigation Commands | Emacs provides a large amount of commands for moving point (Emacs name for cursor) inside a buffer. Several are built in Emacs. Others are provided by external packages or by PEL itself. This table list the main generic commands for navigation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PEL provides access and activation of the following external packages that provide extra navigation commands and modes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">  The avy external package  activated when the pel-use-avy user option is set to t.  The ace-link external package  activated when the pel-use-ace-link user option is set to t. ➡ Also see the programming language specific sheets for more information on specialized navigation provided by these modes and the tools they support. | | |
| Customize PEL navigation control | <f11> <f2> P n 1 | (pel-cfg-pkg-navigation &optional OTHER-WINDOW) | Customize PEL navigation tools support: customize pel-pkg-for-navigation group which provides access to the following PEL user-options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pel-use-ace-link pel-use-avy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in another window. |
| Customize Emacs navigation control | <f11> <f2> P n 2 | (pel-cfg-pkg-navigation &optional OTHER-WINDOW) | Customize Emacs navigation tools support: avy . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in another window. |
| Customize PEL Completion/Input | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f11> M-c <f2> M-g <f4> <f2> | (pel-customize-pel &optional OTHER-WINDOW) | Customize PEL input completion support: access the customization buffer that holds the PEL user options that activate the input completion packages and the pel-goto-symbol command. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u) , display in other window. |
| Customize PEL imenu support See: Menus | <f11> <f10> <f2> | (pel-customize-pel &optional OTHER-WINDOW) | Customize PEL imenu support. Provides access to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pel-imenu-follows-order-p pel-use-flimenu pel-use-imenu+ pel-use-imenu-anywhere pel-use-imenu-extra pel-use-popup-imenu pel-use-popup-switcher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in another window. |
| Shift-Selection | If you press and hold the shift key while typing a movement command, that sets the mark before moving point (Emacs name for cursor) so that the region extends from the original point to its new position. This Shift-Selection is called “ <i>Shift-Marking</i> ” in this document. It is available for only some commands. When running Emacs in Terminal mode, less commands support it. Ability to perform “Shift-Marking” is identified in the description of the commands below. | | |
| Move Point | The following sub-sections describe how to navigate across various types of textual and syntactical entities. | | |
| Move back to last marked location See also: Marking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M-` <f11> . ` <f6> <f6> C-u C-SPC | (pel-jump-to-mark) | Move point to current mark, set mark to top of buffer mark-ring, and then rotate the ring (by injecting old mark back at the bottom of mark ring). |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by character | Some commands in following group support the bidirectional context: when editing right to left text these commands may move in the reverse direction. | | |
| right/next char ➡ Support bidirectional context. | C-f | (forward-char &optional N) | Move point N characters forward (backward if N is negative). N defaults to 1. N := numeric arg . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On reaching end or beginning of buffer, stop and signal error. ➡ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode . |
| right/next char | <right> | (right-char &optional N) | Move point N characters to the right (to left if N is negative). N defaults to 1. N := numeric arg . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On reaching beginning or end of buffer, stop and signal error. ➡ Shift marking works with this command. |
| left/previous char ➡ Support bidirectional context. | C-b | (backward-char &optional N) | Move point N characters backward (forward if N is negative). N defaults to 1. N := numeric arg . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On attempt to pass beginning or end of buffer, stop and signal error. ➡ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode . |
| left/previous char | <left> | (left-char &optional N) | Move point N characters to the left (right if N is negative). N defaults to 1. N := numeric arg . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On reaching beginning or end of buffer, stop and signal error. ➡ Shift marking works with this command. |
| Go to a specific char position | M-g c | (goto-char POSITION) | Enter a character position, a decimal value identifying the index into the continuous set of characters in the buffer. <div>➡ Shift marking does not work with this command.</div> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by character using avy | When using these commands, type the character(s) where you want to move; avy highlights the target locations with another character: type that character to move to the location. The location can be inside any window. This provides a very efficient way of moving the point. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➡ Shift selection is not supported but you can mark (see Marking) before moving to create a marked region. Move back to original location with M-` or <f6><f6>  These commands require the avy external package  activated when the pel-use-avy user option is set to t . | | |
| Jump to visible char using avy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-: M-G M-g M-c | (avy-goto-char CHAR &optional ARG) | Jump to the currently visible CHAR. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The window scope is determined by ‘avy-all-windows’ (ARG negates it). |
| Jump to visible 2 chars using avy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-’ M-H M-g M-j | (avy-goto-char-2 CHAR &optional ARG) | Jump to the currently visible CHAR1 followed by CHAR2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The window scope is determined by ‘avy-all-windows’. When ARG is non-nil, do the opposite of ‘avy-all-windows’. BEG and END narrow the scope where candidates are searched. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by line | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In terminal mode C-p and C-n cannot be used in conjunction with Shift for marking. The <up> and <down> cursor can be used with Shift for marking. When moving up or down, if there is no character in the target line exactly over the current column, the cursor is positioned after the character in that line which spans this column, or at the end of the line if it is not long enough. | | |
| Previous line | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-p <up> | (previous-line &optional ARG TRY-VSCROLL) | Move cursor vertically up ARG lines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-p : ➡ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode. <up> : ➡ Shift marking works with this command. |
| Next line | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-n <down> | (next-line &optional ARG TRY-VSCROLL) | Move cursor vertically down ARG lines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-n : ➡ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode. <down> : ➡ Shift marking works with this command. |
| Go to a specific line in current buffer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M-g g M-g M-g %-1 | (goto-line LINE &optional BUFFER) | Go to LINE, counting from line 1 at beginning of buffer. LINE:= numeric arg . <div>➡ Shift marking does not work with this command.</div> |
| Goto line using avy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> potentially in other window | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M-g f M-g l | (avy-goto-line &optional ARG) | Jump to line start in current (or all visible if ‘avy-all-windows’ is t) window. Type highlighted key to move point. <div>➡ Shift marking does not work with this command.</div> |
| More control available with prefix argument: ARG=1: you can also type a number to cancel and use ‘goto-line’ for this typed number. ARG=4: negate the window scope determined by ‘avy-all-windows’. ARG=any other number: use ‘goto-line’ to move point to this line number. | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move back to original location with M-` or <f6><f6>  Requires the avy external package  activated when pel-use-avy is set to t. | | | |

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| • To column | The following command move point to a specified column. It does not provide Shift-marking. | | |
| Go to a specific column | M-g <tab> | (move-to-column COLUMN &optional FORCE) | Prompts for a column number (or it can be entered as a command prefix). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move point to column COLUMN in the current line. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The column of a character is calculated by adding together the widths as displayed of the previous characters in the line. This function ignores line-continuation; there is no upper limit on the column number a character can have and horizontal scrolling has no effect. If specified column is within a character, point goes after that character. If it's past end of line, point goes to end of line. If a region is marked and point is at one end, modifies the region. |
| Set Goal Column | The goal column identifies a target for point when moving to a line. The goal column is stored in the variable ' <i>goal-column</i> '. This is a buffer-local setting. | | |
| Set/reset Goal Column | C-x C-n | (set-goal-column ARG) | Set the current horizontal position as a goal for C-n and C-p . Those commands will move to this position in the line moved to rather than trying to keep the same horizontal position. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Without argument: activate the goal column and set it to the current column. With non nil argument (example: C-u): disable the goal column. ☛ When the goal column is active, it is shown as G on the ruler (when the ruler-mode is active.) Execute ruler-mode (<f11> b -) to activate the ruler to see if the goal column is active. ⚠ This command might be disabled at first, so in that case the first time you use it Emacs might prompt for activating this command. See enable-command in the Emacs Lisp table. |
| • into line | The following commands move point within the current line. | | |
| Beginning of line ★ PEL Enhanced Key ★ | C-a | 1. Text: (pel-beginning-of-line ARG) 2. Org-Mode: (org-beginning-of-line &optional N) | Move point to beginning of current line as displayed. If point is already at the beginning of the line, move to the fist non-whitespace character (using back-to-indentation). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (If there's an image in the line, this disregards newlines which are part of the text that the image rests on.) With argument ARG not nil or 1, move forward ARG - 1 lines first. If point reaches the beginning or end of buffer, it stops there. (But if the buffer doesn't end in a newline, it stops at the beginning of the last line.) ☛ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode . In Org-mode: Go to the beginning of the current visible line. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If this is a headline, and 'org-special-ctrl-a/e' is set, ignore tags on the first attempt, and only move to after the tags when the cursor is already beyond the end of the headline. |
| End of line ★ PEL Enhanced Key ★ | C-e | 1. Text: (pel-end-of-line ARG) 2. Org-Mode: (org-end-of-line &optional N) | Move point to end of current line as displayed. If point is already at the end of the line, move point to the first trailing space character if there is any. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With argument ARG not nil or 1, move forward ARG - 1 lines first. If point reaches the beginning or end of buffer, it stops there. ☛ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode . In Org-mode: Go to the end of the line, but before ellipsis, if any. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If this is a headline, and 'org-special-ctrl-a/e' is set, ignore tags on the first attempt, and only move to after the tags when the cursor is already beyond the end of the headline. |
| First non-whitespace | M-m | (back-to-indentation) | Move point to the first non-whitespace character on this line. ☛ Shift marking works with this command. |
| • by word | A "word" is a syntactic unit which is identified by a set of variables that can be modified and is controlled by Emacs syntax table . See the subword-mode and superword-mode to change that. | | |
| word forward | • M-f • M-<right> | (forward-word &optional ARG) | Move point forward ARG words (backward if ARG is negative). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports superword-mode and subword-mode. Shift marking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> always work with M-f works with M-<right> in graphics mode and in terminal mode when pel-map-meta-left-right-to-Y-Z user-option is nil. If its is t then in does not work in terminal mode. ⚠ 👉 This moves point right <i>after the end</i> of the word. If you want to move to the first letter of next word use M-n . |
| Beginning of next word | M-n | (pel-forward-word-start) | Move point forward to beginning of next word. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports superword-mode but not the subword-mode. ☛ Shift marking works with this command. ☞ On Qwerty , Qwertz and Azerty keyboards the 'b' and 'n' letters are side by side. ⚠ This key binding differs in other buffers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Info buffers, M-n is mapped to clone-buffer. Inside shell buffers M-n is mapped to comint-next-input. For the moment PEL does not change this but might (via a PEL user option in the future) since it's such a useful key. |
| word backward | • M-b • M-<left> | (backward-word &optional N) | Move backward ARG times until encountering the beginning of a word. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports superword-mode and subword-mode. Shift marking works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> always work with M-b works with M-<left> in graphics mode and in terminal mode when pel-map-meta-left-right-to-Y-Z user-option is nil. If its is t then in does not work in terminal mode. ⚠ |
| beginning of next token | C-<right> | (pel-forward-token-start &optional N) | Move to the beginning of next word/symbol. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It handles characters that may be part of symbol in the current major mode (like ' _ ' in C), and jumps over them but stops at whitespace and operators. Supports numerical argument for repetition. Negative argument reverses the movement direction. ☛ Shift marking works with this command. 👉 Useful when the superword-mode is not activated: allows jumping to next symbol while the word commands stop at each word separator character. |
| beginning of previous token | C-<left> | (pel-backward-token-start &optional N) | Move to the beginning of previous word/symbol. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It handles characters that may be part of symbol in the current major mode (like ' _ ' in C), and jumps over them but stops at whitespace and operators. Supports numerical argument for repetition. Negative argument reverses the movement direction. ☛ Shift marking works with this command. 👉 Useful when the superword-mode is not activated: allows jumping to previous symbol while the word commands stop at each word separator character. |
| Goto word using 1 letter with avy • potentially in other window | M-g w | (avy-goto-word-1 CHAR &optional ARG BEG END SYMBOL) | Jump to the currently visible CHAR at a word start. Type first letter of target word, then highlighted key(s). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The window scope is determined by 'avy-all-windows'. When ARG is non-nil, do the opposite of 'avy-all-windows'. ☛ Shift marking does not work with this command. 📦 Requires the avy external package 📄 activated when pel-use-avy user option is set to t. |
| Goto word with avy • potentially in other window | M-g e | (avy-goto-word-0 ARG &optional BEG END) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jump to a word start. Highlights each word with letters to select to jump. The window scope is determined by 'avy-all-windows'. When ARG is non-nil, do the opposite of 'avy-all-windows' ☛ Shift marking does not work with this command. 📦 Requires the avy external package 📄 activated when pel-use-avy user option is set to t. |

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| • by syntactic elements | Moving by syntactic elements, regardless of the word mode. These are marginally useful for normal operations. They are useful for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> investigating the syntax handling of various Emacs major modes creating keyboard macros to fine tune the positioning of point. | | |
| Move point forward to next syntactic change | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <f11> M-<right> • <f11> M-f | (pel-forward-syntaxchange-start) | Move point forward: stop at beginning of character syntax change. |
| Move point backward to previous syntactic change | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <f11> M-<left> • <f11> M-b | (pel-backward-syntaxchange-start) | Move point backward: stop at beginning of character syntax change. |
| • by blocks | Blocks can be: pairs of brackets: {},[],(),<>,"",‘‘. Blocks using parentheses correspond to Lisp S-Expressions (sexp). This works in Lisp-like programming languages and programming languages that support block syntax. | | |
| block backward | <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. |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ⚠ 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. ❖ 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. | | |
| block forward | <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. |
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| Up/inside sexp hierarchy | <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. <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. |
| Down/inside sexp/block | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-M-d • C-M-<down> • C-[C-d • Esc C-d • Esc C-<down> | (down-list &optional ARG) | Move forward down one level 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 this that many times. A negative argument means move backward but still go down a level. This command assumes point is not in a string or comment. • ⚠ With PEL: if you want to use Esc C-<down> binding you must ensure that pel-windmove-on-esc-cursor user option is set to nil. • C-M-d : ➡ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode. • C-M-<down> : ➡ Shift marking works with this command. ❖ C-M-<down> does not work on Windows, but H-<down> does. |
| Up/right sexp/block | C-M-] | (up-list &optional ARG ESCAPE-STRINGS NO-SYNTAX-CROSSING) | Move forward out of one level 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 this that many times. A negative argument means move backward but still to a less deep spot. If ESCAPE-STRINGS is non-nil (as it is interactively), move out of enclosing strings as well. If NO-SYNTAX-CROSSING is non-nil (as it is interactively), prefer to break out of any enclosing string instead of moving to the start of a list broken across multiple strings. On error, location of point is unspecified. |
| Backward block/list | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-M-p • C-[C-p • Esc C-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. |
| Forward block/list | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-M-n • C-[C-n • Esc C-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. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to symbol definition in <i>current</i> buffer In all opened buffers <p>See also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Completion/Input » Menus » Speedbar | <p>The following command can be used to move point to any quickly selected a symbol definition, in any major mode supported by Emacs imenu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most major modes for programming and markup languages support imenu. PEL adds extra support for some modes. PEL provides 2 commands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pel-goto-symbol lists target symbols in the current buffer, allowing you to select one and jump to it. pel-goto-symbol-any-buffer does the same but for all buffers currently opened. For each of these commands PEL provides a selectable user interface. The user interface used for each command when Emacs starts is selected by a customization user-option variable. During an editing session PEL provides a UI selection command. In both cases the available user interfaces depend on what you activate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Customize pel-goto-symbol user interface with M-g <f4> <f2> to access the customization buffer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the pel-initial-goto-symbol-UI user option. Select one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 = Use Emacs default: imenu 1 = Use Ido. Requires idomenu pel-use-ido and pel-use-idomenu must both be turned on. 2 = Use Ivy. Requires ivy mode and ivy mode completion with Counsel mode pel-use-ivy and pel-use-counsel must both be on. 3 = Use helm. Requires Helm mode pel-use-helm must be turned on. 4 = Use popup-imenu. Requires popup-imenu pel-use-popup-imenu to be turned on (in pel-pkg-for-imenu group). 5 = Use popup-switcher. Requires popup-switcher pel-use-popup-switcher to be turned on (in pel-pkg-for-imenu group). Modify the pel-goto-symbol UI for the current editing session with the pel-select-goto-symbol-UI command, bound to M-g <f4> h. Customize pel-goto-symbol-any-buffer user interface with with M-g <f4> <f2> to access the customization buffer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires imenu-anywhere pel-use-imenu-anywhere user option must be set to one of the following values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use emacs-default: basic Emacs completion. Use tab to see possible matches. Use Ido. pel-use-ido must be turned on. Use Ivy. Requires ivy mode pel-use-ivy must be on. Use helm. Requires Helm mode pel-use-helm must be turned on. Modify pel-goto-symbol-any-buffer UI for the current editing session with the pel-select-goto-symbol-any-buffer-UI command, bound to M-g <f4> y. Use pel-show-goto-symbol-settings , bound to M-g ? to show the current settings for both commands. <p>When using Ido, for you have more options: you can select a different Ido prompt geometry and whether it uses ‘fix’ fuzzy matching.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ido prompt geometries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Emacs default: Ido linear selection, Grid initially collapsed or expanded. Requires ido-grid-mode Activate it with pel-use-ido-grid-mode user-option turned on. Vertical list. Requires ido-vertical-mode Activate it with pel-use-ido-vertical-mode user-option turned on. Select the initial geometry with the pel-initial-ido-geometry. Change it in the editing session with pel-select-ido-geometry (M-g <f4> M-g). Ido ‘fix’ fuzzy matching requires flx-ido. Activate it with pel-use-flx user-option turned on. Also use <f11> <f10> <f2> to customize the PEL iMenu user-options which have an impact on the way the iMenu entries are displayed. Note that it is also possible to use the Speedbar (which also uses the symbols detected by imenu). See » Speedbar . | | |
| <p>Find definitions using iMenu</p> <p>See also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Completion/Input » Menus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f11> <f10> i M-g i M-g M-i | (imenu INDEX-ITEM) | <p>Lists imenu-detected items from the current buffer (according to its major mode).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For example, in a elisp file, the entry points are the function definitions and may include the variables and other items depending what function does the parsing (it can be semantic which provides more information). <p>Provides one of the following interfaces to let user select entry to jump to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The default: input completion, using the minibuffer window and tab completion. a pop-up window : available in Graphics mode selected by mouse or in both graphics and terminal (TTY) modes when the imenu-use-popup-menu user-option is turned on. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> with PEL you can use pel-imenu-toggle-popup (bound to M-g <f4> p) to toggle the user interface used by imenu. |
| <p>Move to imenu detected symbol definition in current buffer ★★</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M-g h M-g M-h | (pel-goto-symbol) | <p>Prompt using for imenu symbol of the current buffer and move point to it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresh imenu and jump to a place in the buffer using the completion method selected. Modify user interface currently used with M-g <f4> h. The command sets a ref-marker before moving. Return to previous location by typing M- , |
| There is a bug in popup-switcher that prevents listing items in some files. | | | |
| <p>Move to imenu detected symbol definition of all opened buffers ★★</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M-g y M-g M-y | (pel-goto-symbol-any-buffer) | <p>Prompt using for imenu symbol of all loaded menu supported buffers and move point to the selection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide input completion using the currently selected method (emacs-default, ido, ivy or helm). Select the default completion method by customization setting pel-use-imenu-anywhere. Modify user interface currently used with M-g <f4> y. The command sets a ref-marker before moving. Return to previous location by typing M- , |
| <p>Display current setting of commands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pel-goto-symbol pel-goto-symbol-any-buffer | M-g ? | (pel-show-goto-symbol-settings) | <p>Display current settings used by the goto symbol commands in the echo area. For example:</p> <pre>goto-symbol UI is: popup-switcher goto-any-buffer UI is: Ido - iMenu lists are not flatten. - Ido uses: - Ido prompt geometry: grid mode, starts collapsed: expand with tab - Ido Ubiquitous mode: off - flx-ido mode: off</pre> |
| <p>Select Input Completion used by pel-goto-symbol</p> | M-g <f4> h | (pel-select-goto-symbol-UI) | <p>Select the input completion method used by the pel-goto-symbol command for the duration of the current editing session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When Emacs starts the method used is determined by the value of the pel-initial-goto-symbol-UI user-option. You can use this command to change what is used in the current editing session without affecting the customized default. See also the commands to control input completion (see » Completion/Input) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> pel-select-ido-geometry: M-g <f4> M-g pel-ido-ubiquitous : M-g <f4> M-u pel-flx-ido : M-g <f4> M-f |
| <p>Select Input Completion Method used by pel-imenu-anywhere</p> | M-g <f4> y | (pel-select-goto-symbol-any-buffer-UI) | <p>Select the input completion method used by the pel-imenu-anywhere command for the duration of the current editing session and used by the pel-goto-symbol-any-buffer command.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When Emacs starts the method used is determined by the value of the PEL pel-use-imenu-anywhere user-option. You can use this command to change what is used in the current editing session without affecting the customized default. |
| <p>Toggle imenu between a hierarchical and a flat list.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f11> <f10> f M-g <f4> f | (pel-imenu-toggle-flatten) | <p>Toggles between imenu using a hierarchical menu (the default) and a flat menu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum number of entries in a imenu list is controlled by 2 imenu user-options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> imenu-max-items: size limit of a pop-up imenu. imenu-max-item-length: size limit of a drop down imenu Requires fliimenu external package activated by pel-use-fliimenu user-option. <p>Note that when the number of items to display exceeds the maximum length of the imenu, there imenu will be split anyway in multiple sections and will end up being “hierarchical” but instead of being split by type of content, it will be split on type and by alphabetical names.</p> |
| <p>Toggle order of appliance in the imenu</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f11> <f10> o M-g <f4> o | (pel-imenu-toggle-follows-order) | <p>Changes the order of entries in the imenu between the default and the order of appearance of the symbols in the buffer.</p> Set the default with the pel-imenu-index-follows-order-p user-option. |
| <p>Toggle imenu I/F between completion buffer and pop-up menu</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f11> <f10> p M-g <f4> p | (pel-imenu-toggle-popup & optional IN-CURRENT-BUFFER) | <p>Toggle the use of pop-up menu versus completion buffer for imenu.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By default this applies to imenu issued in all buffers, but with the IN-CURRENT-BUFFER argument set the change applies only to the current buffer. |
| <p>Toggle automatic imenu rescan</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <f11> <f10> R M-g <f4> R | (pel-imenu-toggle-auto-rescan) | <p>Toggle imenu automatic rescan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Default is set by imenu-auto-rescan user-option. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by defun | <p>The commands move point by function definitions. In elisp code that's defun, defvar, etc..., but it also works in other modes, as the same keys are bounded to different commands.</p> <p>👉 The <f6> cursor key mappings use <up> and <down> to move to the beginning of the defun, and <left> and <right> to the end of the defun.</p> <p>👉 In this context the word <i>defun</i> corresponds to the concept of function, method, procedure, section, used for the current buffer.</p> <p>⚠️ These commands work well when editing Lisp-like programming languages. The first two commands will skip nested functions at a level nested relative to the current level (and that can be considered a nice feature) The extra commands provided by PEL are based on the first 2 commands and inherit these limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pel-beginning-of-next-defun works well in most cases but has problems handling some C++ template code. The pel-end-of-previous-defun is even more affected by the limitations when used to move inside some nested code. <p>Obviously need a better sequential navigation mechanism for nested functions definitions in source code🤯</p> | | |
| Backward to beginning of defun | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-M-a C-M-<home> <f6> <up> C-[C-a Esc C-a | (beginning-of-defun &optional ARG) | <p>Move backward to the beginning of a defun.</p> <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. <p>➡️Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode (for C-M-a and C-M-<home>). It's always available for <f6> <up>: hold Shift after typing <f6>.</p> <p>⚠️ This command moves to the beginning go the next function or of the same nesting level of the current location. It skips the functions and methods that are more deeply nested.</p> |
| Forward to end of defun | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-M-e C-M-<end> <f6> <right> C-[C-e Esc C-e | (end-of-defun &optional ARG) | <p>Move forward to next end of defun.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With argument, do it that many times. Negative argument -N means move back to Nth preceding end of defun. <p>➡️Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode (for C-M-e, C-[C-e and Esc C-e keys). However <f6> <right> handle Shift-marking fine in terminal mode.</p> <p>⚠️ This command moves to the end of the next top-level function or class. It skips the nested functions and methods.</p> |
| Forward to start of next defun | <f6> <down> | (pel-beginning-of-next-defun &optional SILENT DONT-PUSH_MARK) | <p>Move forward to the beginning of the next function definition.</p> <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-` or <f6><f6>. <p>➡️Shift marking is available: hold Shift after typing <f6>.</p> <p>👉 This command complements what end-of-defun does.</p> <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. |
| Backward to end of previous define | <f6> <left> | (pel-end-of-previous-defun &optional SILENT DONT-PUSH_MARK) | <p>Move backwards to the end of the previous function definition.</p> <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-` or <f6><f6>. <p>➡️Shift marking is available.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by URL | <p>With the following commands you can navigate quickly across the buffer to the next and previous URL.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can also activate the goto-address-mode to act on the URL. PEL adds command to download a web page to a local temporary file and visit it. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See 📖 File-mngt for more on that. | | |
| Move to end of next URL in buffer See also: 📖 File-mngt | C-c C-n <f6> C-n | (pel-goto-next-url) | <p>Move point forward to the end of the next URL located in the current buffer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The C-c C-n binding is only available when point is over the URL and the goto-address-mode minor mode is active. Use <f11> f u or <f11> f U to activate this mode. The global <f6> C-n key binding activates the goto-address-mode if it is not already active. |
| Move to beginning of previous URL in buffer See also: 📖 File-mngt | C-c C-p <f11> C-p | (pel-goto-previous-url) | <p>Move point backward to the beginning of the previous URL located in the current buffer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The C-c C-p binding is only available when point is over the URL and the goto-address-mode minor mode is active. Use <f11> f u or <f11> f U to activate this mode. The global <f6> C-p key binding activates the goto-address-mode if it is not already active. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by sentences | <p>The variable 'sentence-end' is a regular expression that matches ends of sentences. Also, every paragraph boundary terminates sentences as well. The definition of what is a sentence depends on the major mode. For example, in C++/I mode the end of sentence means end of C++ statement. More information on navigation is available on each mode.</p> | | |
| To beginning of sentence | M-a | (backward-sentence &optional ARG) | <p>Move backward to start of sentence. With arg, do it arg times.</p> <p>➡️ Shift marking works with this command.</p> |
| To end of sentence | M-e | (forward-sentence &optional ARG) | <p>Move forward to next end of sentence. With argument, repeat.</p> <p>With negative argument, move backward repeatedly to start of sentence.</p> <p>➡️ Shift marking works with this command.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by paragraphs | <p>A paragraph start is the beginning of a line which is a 'paragraph-start' or which is ordinary text and follows a 'paragraph-separate'ing line; except: if the first real line of a paragraph is preceded by a blank line, the paragraph starts at that blank line.</p> <p>Note: It is not possible to Shift mark with these bindings. Use C-SPC to mark first then use the keys to move and extend the region.</p> | | |
| Backward paragraph | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-<up> M-{ | (backward-paragraph &optional ARG) | <p>Move backward to start of paragraph.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With argument ARG, do it ARG times; a negative argument ARG = -N means move forward N paragraphs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-<up> : ➡️ Shift marking works with this key sequence. M-{ : ➡️ Shift marking does not work with this key, because you need Shift to access {. |
| Forward paragraph | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-<down> M-} | (forward-paragraph &optional ARG) | <p>Move forward to end of paragraph.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With argument ARG, do it ARG times; a negative argument ARG = -N means move backward N paragraphs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-<down> : ➡️ Shift marking works with this key sequence. M-} : ➡️ Shift marking does not work with this key, because you need Shift to access {. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by pages | A page boundary is any line whose beginning matches the regexp 'page-delimiter'. By default, that is a ^L (form feed) at the beginning of a line. | | |
| Forward 1 page | C-x] | (forward-page &optional COUNT) | <p>Move forward to page boundary. With arg, repeat, or go back if negative.</p> <p>➡️ Shift marking does not work with this key.</p> |
| Backward 1 page | C-x [| (backward-page &optional COUNT) | <p>Move backward to page boundary. With arg, repeat, or go fwd if negative.</p> <p>➡️ Shift marking does not work with this key.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to buffer & window top/end | <p>The following commands move point to top, bottom and centre of the current buffer or window.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PEL provides the <home> and <end> keys. They behave like the Brief/CRISP equivalent keys with the additional handling of Emacs fields. Emacs provide the M-< and M-> to move to top and end of buffer, and M-r to move top top, centre and end of the visible portion of the current buffer. | | |
| To beginning of: line, window, buffer | <home> | (pel-home) | <p>The behaviour of this command depends on the current point location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → beginning of field (if any) → beginning of line → beginning of window → beginning of buffer |
| ★ PEL Enhanced Key ★ | <p>So to go to beginning of buffer, type <home> 3 times if point is not at the beginning of line or window, 4 times if the line has a field (like prompt in interactive buffers like IELM) and point is not at the beginning of field.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Push mark at previous position, unless either a C-u prefix is supplied, or Transient Mark mode is enabled and the mark is active. Scrolls other window when PEL window scroll mode is active. See 📖 Scrolling. <p>➡️ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode.</p> <p>🍏 On macOS laptops, the <home> key is not available; use Fn <left> instead.</p> <p>⚠️ Avoid in Keyboard Macros: The behaviour of the key depends on the original position, so it's not a good fit for keyboard macros. Inside keyboard macros, use C-a instead inside keyboard macros when you want to move point to the beginning of a line.</p> | | |
| See also: 📖 Scrolling | | | |

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| To end of line, window, buffer | <end> | (pel-end) | The behaviour of this command depends on the current point location: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → end of field (if any) → end of line → end of window → end of buffer |
| ★ PEL Enhanced Key ★ | <p>So to go to end of buffer, type <end> 3 times if point is not at the end last window line, or 4 times if there is a field in the line after the point's position. REPL like IELM use fields on prompt lines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If the buffer is narrowed, this command uses the end of the accessible part of the buffer. Push mark at previous position, unless either a C-u prefix is supplied, or Transient Mark mode is enabled and the mark is active. Scrolls other window when PEL window scroll mode is active. See § Scrolling. <p>➡ Shift marking is available in graphics mode, not in terminal mode.</p> <p>🍏 On macOS laptops, the <end> key is not available; use Fn <right> instead.</p> <p>⚠️ Avoid in Keyboard Macros: The the behaviour of the key depends on the original position, so it's not a good fit to use in a keyboard macro. Use C-e instead inside keyboard macros when you want to move point to the end of a line.</p> <p>⚠️ In collapsed outlines you may have to type the <right> cursor, or C-a then C-e to move to the real end of the last line of a window to be able to move to the last line of the buffer.</p> | | |
| To beginning of buffer | M-< | (beginning-of-buffer &optional ARG) | Move point to the beginning of the buffer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With numeric arg N, put point N/10 of the way from the beginning. If the buffer is narrowed, this command uses the beginning of the accessible part of the buffer. Push mark at previous position, unless either a C-u prefix is supplied, or Transient Mark mode is enabled and the mark is active. ➡ Shift marking does not work with this key. |
| To end of buffer | M-> | (end-of-buffer &optional ARG) | Move point to the end of the buffer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With numeric arg N, put point N/10 of the way from the end. If the buffer is narrowed, this command uses the end of the accessible part of the buffer. ➡ Shift marking does not work with this key. |
| To left line center, top, bottom of window | M-r | (move-to-window-line-top-bottom &optional ARG) | Position point relative to window. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By default moves to beginning of line at: center, top, bottom of window in successive calls. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The recenter-positions user-option can be modified to change that default. Arguments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A negative argument reverses the order. A numeric argument identifies a line number. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number 0 identifies the first line in window: M-0 M-r : move to top of window Negative 0 identifies the last line in window: M-- M-0 M-r : move to end of window ➡ Shift marking does not work with this key. |
| • in buffer of other windows | The following 2 commands do not move point in the current buffer, they move it in the buffer showing in the other window. | | |
| To beginning of buffer in other window | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Esc <home> • <M-home> | (beginning-of-buffer-other-window ARG) | Move point to the beginning of the buffer in the other window. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave mark at previous position. With arg N, put point N/10 of the way from the true beginning. |
| To end of buffer in other window | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Esc <end> • <M-end> | (end-of-buffer-other-window ARG) | Move point to the end of the buffer in the other window. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leave mark at previous position. With arg N, put point N/10 of the way from the true end. |
| • Goto match/Compilation Error | A match is the result of a previous operation like: grep search result, compilation errors, etc... | | |
| Jump to next match | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-x ` M-g n M-g M-n | (next-error &optional ARG RESET) | A prefix ARG specifies how many error messages to move; negative means move back to previous error messages. Just C-u as a prefix means reparse the error message buffer and start at the first error. |
| Jump to previous match | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M-g p M-g M-p | (previous-error &optional N) | Prefix arg N says how many error messages to move backwards (or forwards, if negative). |
| recentering in current window | <p>The following 2 command do not move point, but reposition the text in the current window.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These are quite useful as they can be used to refresh the view in the current window. <p>See also: § Windows</p> | | |
| Position current line to window's Center / Bottom / Top . Refresh screen. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-1 • <f11> C-1 | (recenter-top-bottom &optional ARG) | Without argument: moves the current line to window: center -> top -> bottom. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With arg: centre first: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-u C-1 C-1 C-1 C-1 • → center → bottom → center → top With negative arg: bottom first: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-- C-1 C-1 C-1 • → bottom → center → top With arg 0: top first: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> M-0 C-1 C-1 C-1 • → top → bottom → center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With numeric positive: move current line to window top position N With negative numeric: move current line to bottom window position: -1 := last line PEL provides the <f11> C-1 key binding because some modes use C-1 as a prefix key. |
| Reposition comment/definition in full view | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-M-1 C-[C-1 Esc C-1 | (reposition-window &optional ARG) | Attempts to make the current comment or current definition fully visible by scrolling the lines without changing the point. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further invocations move it to the top of the window or toggle the visibility of comments that precede it (by scrolling the lines). |