
















# Emacs support for the Lua Programming Language

Description	Keystroke	Function	Note
<a href="#">Lua Editing</a>	<p>Emacs has built-in support for Lua. The Lua-mode is one of the cc-modes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since Lua syntax is very close to C syntax, Emacs implements <b>Lua-mode</b> as a descendent of cc-mode.</li> </ul> <p> PEL supports it when <b>pel-use-lua</b> user options is turned on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On <b>Emacs &gt;= 30</b>, PEL supports tree-sitter if <b>pel-use-tree-sitter</b> is set to t. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You can activate tree-sitter for Lua by setting <b>pel-use-lua</b> to 'with-tree-sitter (as long as <b>pel-use-tree-sitter</b> is t and <b>Emacs &gt;= 30</b>).</li> <li>See <a href="#">℥ Tree Sitter</a> and  <b>Tree-sitter</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Files with the .lua extensions are recognized as Lua source files and use the lua-mode or lua-ts-mode according to the value of pel-use-lua,</li> <li>Speedbar support for .lua files listing functions and types. See <a href="#">℥ Speedbar</a> for more info about it.</li> </ul> <p>• Most cc-mode available capabilities are available to <b>Lua-mode</b>. PEL integrates a lot of those capabilities, but PEL support for Lua is in its early stages and all available key bindings are not yet identified in this table as they should be. </p>		
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<p><b>Open this PDF file.</b> See also: <a href="#">℥ Help/Info</a></p>	<div>&lt;f11&gt; SPC u &lt;f1&gt;</div> <div>&lt;f12&gt; &lt;f1&gt;</div>	<p>(<a href="#">pel-help-pdf</a> &amp; optional OPEN-WEB-PAGE)</p>	<p>Open the <b>℥ - Lua</b> local PDF. If the prefix argument (like <b>C-u</b> or <b>M--</b>) is used, then it opens the remote GitHub hosted raw PDF instead. If the <b>pel-flip-help-pdf-arg</b> user-option is set it's the other way around.</p>
<p><a href="#">℥ Customize</a> PEL Lua support</p>	<div>&lt;f11&gt; SPC u &lt;f2&gt;</div> <div>&lt;f12&gt; &lt;f2&gt;</div>	<p>(<a href="#">pel-customize-pel</a> &amp; optional OTHER-WINDOW)</p>	<p>Customize PEL Lua support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use <b>C-u</b>), display in another window.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">℥ Customize</a> Emacs Lua support</p>	<div>&lt;f11&gt; SPC u &lt;f3&gt;</div> <div>&lt;f12&gt; &lt;f3&gt;</div>	<p>(<a href="#">pel-customize-library</a> &amp; optional OTHER-WINDOW)</p>	<p>Customize Emacs Lua support (which is currently placed in C group): <a href="#">C</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use <b>C-u</b>), display in another window.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Select Lua-mode for extension-less file</b></p> <p> The <b>&lt;f12&gt;</b> key is available only until a PEL controlled major mode is activated. Then it becomes a buffer prefix key.</p>	<div>&lt;f12&gt;</div>	<p>(<a href="#">pel-as</a> &amp; optional FORCE)</p>	<p>Inside a fundamental-mode buffer, interactively select major mode for the buffer. Re-do it with arg.  see <a href="#">Create extension-less executable scripts with PEL</a>.</p> <p>This command is mostly used to set the major mode of a buffer in fundamental-mode', when the <b>&lt;f12&gt;</b> key binding is available for it. After being used once in a buffer the major mode is selected and the PEL key binding will not be available when PEL supports the major mode.</p> <p>For Lua file, select <b>Lua</b>. It will insert a shebang line specified by  <b>pel-lua-shebang-line</b> user option.</p> <p>PEL defines the (as &amp; optional FORCE) alias unless  <b>pel-has-alias-as</b> user-option is set to nil. You can use <b>M-x as</b> to invoke it.</p>
<p><b>Show PEL setup for Lua</b></p>	<div>&lt;f12&gt; ?</div> <div>&lt;f11&gt; SPC u ?</div>	<p>(<a href="#">pel-lua-setup-info</a> &amp; optional APPEND)</p>	<p>Display Lua setup information inside a *pel-lua-info* buffer with buttons providing quick access to the customization buffer of each variable shown. The information shown includes the value and interpretation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>pel-use-lua (whether the classic or tree-sitter based major mode is used).</li> <li>the user options controlling indentation and hard tab width rendering.</li> </ul> <p>To append information in the buffer instead of clearing the previous content type any prefix argument (such as <b>C-u</b> ) before the command keystroke.</p>
<p><b>Help for word</b></p>	<div>C-c C-f</div>	<p>(<a href="#">lua-search-documentation</a>)</p>	<p>Search Lua documentation for the word at the point.</p>
<p><b>Comments</b></p>			
<p><b>Toggle display of comments in buffer or active region</b> See also: <a href="#">℥ Comments</a></p>	<div>&lt;f11&gt; ; ;</div>	<p>(<a href="#">hide/show-comments-toggle</a> &amp; optional START END)</p>	<p>Toggle hiding/showing of comments in the active region or whole buffer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If the region is active then toggle in the region. Otherwise, in the whole buffer.</li> </ul> <p> This requires the <a href="#">hide-comnt.el</a> package (see <a href="#">℥ Comments</a>).  PEL activates it when the <b>pel-use-hide-comnt</b> user option is t.</p>
<p><b>Lua process</b></p>	<div>C-c C-l</div>	<p>(<a href="#">lua-send-buffer</a>)</p>	<p>Send whole buffer to Lua process.</p>
<p><b>Lua Shell</b> See also: <a href="#">℥ start Shells/REPLs</a></p>	<div>&lt;f11&gt; z u</div> <div>&lt;f12&gt; z</div>	<p>(<a href="#">pel-lua-repl</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(<a href="#">lua-start-process</a> &amp; optional NAME PROGRAM STARTFILE &amp;rest SWITCHES)</li> <li>(<a href="#">lua-ts-inferior-lua</a>)</li> </ul>	<p>Run a Lua interpreter in an inferior process. The actual command used depends on whether <b>pel-use-tree-sitter</b> is on and the value of <b>pel-lua-repl-used</b> user-option.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The command provided by the lua-mode is used when pel-use-tree-sitter is nil or when <b>pel-lua-repl-used</b> value is always-use-lua-mode-repl: <b>lua-start-process</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This provide the most control: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Start a Lua process named NAME, running PROGRAM.</li> <li>PROGRAM defaults to NAME, which defaults to '<b>lua-default-application</b>'.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>The real command provided by lua-ts-mode is used otherwise.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Generic code skeletons</b> • <a href="#">tempo skeletons</a> See also: • <a href="#">℥ Inserting Text</a> • <a href="#">T Templates</a></p>	<p>Several mechanisms have been developed to allow easy insertion of predefined text in Emacs.  PEL does not yet define skeletons for Lua. You can use the generic one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emacs provides the built-in skeleton mechanism and the <b>tempo skeletons</b>. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PEL supports both. They are used a little bit differently. PEL provides <b>generic</b> tempo skeletons you can use for Lua until PEL adds Lua-specific skeletons. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PEL provides key bindings to the tempo skeletons: the generic code templates, accessible via the <b>&lt;f6&gt;</b> prefix key, and the language-specific code templates, accessible via the <b>&lt;f12&gt;</b> key prefix.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li></ul>		
<p><a href="#">℥ Customize</a> PEL Text Insertions control for Lua code skeletons.</p>	<div>&lt;f6&gt; &lt;f2&gt;</div> <div>&lt;f12&gt; &lt;f12&gt; &lt;f2&gt;</div>	<p>(<a href="#">pel-customize-pel</a> &amp; optional OTHER-WINDOW)</p> <p>(<a href="#">pel-customize-generic-skels</a> &amp; optional OTHER-WINDOW)</p>	<p>Open the customization groups that control the format of the various skeletons including the generic skeleton used by the <b>&lt;f6&gt; h</b> key and the <b>&lt;f12&gt;&lt;f12&gt; h</b> key (see below).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use <b>C-u</b>), display in other window.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Insert generic file module header block — Language agnostic</b></p> <p>After inserting the template, navigate though areas that must be filled with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>forward: <b>C-c .</b></li> <li>backward: <b>C-c ,</b></li> </ul>	<div>&lt;f6&gt; h</div> <div>&lt;f12&gt; &lt;f12&gt; h</div>	<p>(<a href="#">pel-generic-file-header</a>)</p>	<p>Insert a file header block at the top of the file. Works only for buffer visiting a file.</p> <p> The command key binding <b>&lt;f6&gt; h</b> is available only 1 second after Emacs has started.</p> <p> As mentioned above PEL does not yet define Lua-specific skeletons, this uses the generic one.</p> <p> Specify the format of the header via the user-options in the <b>pel-pkg-generic-code-style</b> customization group accessible via <b>&lt;f6&gt; &lt;f2&gt;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inside a <b>Lua</b> buffer, <b>&lt;f12&gt; &lt;f2&gt;</b> provides access to the following customization groups:</li> </ul> <p> After inserting a template, use <b>tempo-forward-mark</b> and <b>tempo-backward-mark</b> to move to the beginning of each section that must be filled.</p>
<p><b>Toggle pel-tempo-mode</b></p>	<div>&lt;f6&gt; SPC</div> <div>&lt;f12&gt; &lt;f12&gt; SPC</div>	<p>(<a href="#">pel-tempo-mode</a> &amp; optional ARG)</p>	<p>Toggle PEL tempo mode on/off.</p> <p>PEL tempo mode activates <b>C-c .</b> and <b>C-c ,</b> as well as to <b>C-c C-.</b> and <b>C-c C-,</b> 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 in graphics mode.</p> <p> The pel-generic-file-header command inserts the text using a tempo skeleton: the PEL tempo mode is automatically activated by typing <b>&lt;f6&gt; h</b>.</p>
<p><b>Expand any tag in template</b></p> <p>Note: PEL default skeleton does not use tags.</p>	<div>&lt;f6&gt; &lt;f12&gt;</div> <div>&lt;f12&gt; &lt;f12&gt; &lt;f12&gt;</div>	<p>(<a href="#">tempo-complete-tag</a> &amp; optional SILENT)</p>	<p>Look for a tag and expand it. All the tags in the tag lists in '<b>tempo-local-tags</b>' (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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If a single match is found, the corresponding template is expanded in place of the matching string.</li> <li>If a partial completion or no match at all is found, and SILENT is non-nil, the function will give a signal.</li> <li>If a partial completion is found and 'tempo-show-completion-buffer' is non-nil, a buffer containing possible completions is displayed.</li> </ul>

Emacs & Lua – References

Document	Notes
The Lua Programming Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Lua @ Wikipedia</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Lua Home</a></li></ul>