



Display - Lines

Description	Keystroke	Function	Note
Emacs Displayed Line Control	<p>Emacs provides a set of commands to control the way lines are displayed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• whether long lines are wrapped visually or truncated,• whether a special visual line mode is used and• whether line numbers are displayed. <p>PEL also installs and activates the following external packages when the corresponding pet-use customizable user-option is turned on:</p> <div> atl-long-lines  pel-use-atl-long-lines</div> <p>A minor mode that automatically toggles line truncation when point is on a long line. Most useful when currently truncating long lines.</p>		
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Open this PDF file. See also: 🔗 Help/Info	<f11> 1 <f1>	(pel-help-pdf &optional OPEN-WEB-PAGE)	Open the 🔗 Display - Lines 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.
Configure PEL Line display control See also: 🔗 Customize	<f11> 1 <f2>	(pel-customize-pel &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize PEL support for line display control. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in other window.
Customize Emacs Line display control See also: 🔗 Customize	<f11> 1 <f3>	(pel-customize-library &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize Emacs support for display lines.
Line Truncation	Emacs can control the way long lines show inside each buffer.		
Toggle automatic disabling the truncation of long line at point	<f11> 1 a	(atl-long-lines-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle the atl-long-lines-mode minor mode. When the minor mode is active, automatically disable the traction of the long line at point. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most useful when line truncation mode is active.  Requires the atl-long-lines external package  activated by pel-use-atl-long-lines .
Toggle line truncate See also: Truncate Lines @ EmacsWiki	<f11> 1 t	(toggle-truncate-lines &optional ARG)	Toggle truncating of long lines for the current buffer. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• When truncating is off, long lines are folded.• With prefix argument ARG, truncate long lines if ARG is positive, otherwise fold them. Note that in side-by-side windows, this command has no effect if ‘truncate-partial-width-windows’ is non-nil.
Visual Line Mode	<p>In Visual Line mode, some editing commands work on screen lines instead of logical lines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• C-a (beginning-of-visual-line) moves to the beginning of the screen line,• C-e (end-of-visual-line) moves to the end of the screen line, and• C-k (kill-visual-line) kills text to the end of the screen line. <p>To move by logical lines, use the commands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• M-x next-logical-line• M-x previous-logical-line <p>These move point to the next logical line and the previous logical line respectively, regardless of whether Visual Line mode is enabled. You can also use the <f11> 1 <up> and <f11> 1 <down> key bindings with PEL.</p>		
Toggle visual line mode	<f11> 1 v	(visual-line-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle visual line based editing (Visual Line mode) in the current buffer. Interactively, with a prefix argument, enable Visual Line mode if the prefix argument is positive, and disable it otherwise. When Visual Line mode is enabled, ‘word-wrap’ is turned on in this buffer, and simple editing commands are redefined to act on visual lines, not logical lines. See Info node ‘ Visual Line Mode ’ for details.
Move up 1 (logical) line	<f11> 1 <up>	(pel-previous-logical-line)	Move to previous logical line when the visual line mode is enabled, otherwise move to the previous screen line.
Move down 1 (logical) line	<f11> 1 <down>	(pel-next-logical-line)	Move to next logical line when the visual line mode is enabled, otherwise move to the next screen line.
Displaying Line & Column Numbers	By default line numbers are not shown on each line. Use the first command below to display them in the current buffer. To display or hide the current line and column in the Emacs mode line, use the second command.		
toggle line number mode (displaying the line number in the status bar)	<f11> 1 c	(pel-toggle-line-col-modes)	Toggle line number display of (line,column) in the mode line. See also: 🔗 Mode Line
toggle line number display	<f11> 1 l	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (display-line-numbers-mode &optional ARG)• (linum-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle display of line numbers in the left margin. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• With a prefix argument ARG, enable line number display if ARG is positive, and disable it otherwise. <p>🔗The PEL package controls which function is used to display line numbers. If Emacs 26 or later is used, this uses display-line-number-mode, otherwise it uses the slower linum-mode that was available in earlier Emacs versions.</p> <p>References:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emacs Wiki - line numbers• How to use linum-mode