

Mode Line Control

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Emacs Mode Line			<p>Emacs mode line, shown at the bottom of each window provides information about the buffer, the major and minor modes used. The information shown depends on the content of Emacs <code>mode-line-format</code> variable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type: <code>C-h o mode-line-format <RET></code> to open help on it. <p>The <code>pel-pkg-for-modeline</code> customization group that contains the following pel-use user-options that install and activate the following:</p> <table> <tr> <td> <code>delight</code></td> <td> <code>pel-use-delight</code></td> <td>Replace selected info by nicer ones as defined in <code>pel-delight-spec</code> user-option.</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <code>mscroll</code></td> <td> <code>pel-use-mscroll</code></td> <td>Shows a scroll bar in windows modeline. Set it to <code>use-from-start</code> to activate at startup.</td> </tr> <tr> <td> <code>show-point-mode</code></td> <td> <code>pel-use-show-point-mode</code></td> <td>Shows point value (a single integer) in mode line when active. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access this customization group with <code><f11> M-d <f2></code>. When delight is used, PEL activates short lighters for some minor-modes. </td> </tr> </table> <p>The following commands can be used to provides the activation of extra information shown on the mode line.</p>	 <code>delight</code>	 <code>pel-use-delight</code>	Replace selected info by nicer ones as defined in <code>pel-delight-spec</code> user-option.	 <code>mscroll</code>	 <code>pel-use-mscroll</code>	Shows a scroll bar in windows modeline. Set it to <code>use-from-start</code> to activate at startup.	 <code>show-point-mode</code>	 <code>pel-use-show-point-mode</code>	Shows point value (a single integer) in mode line when active. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access this customization group with <code><f11> M-d <f2></code>. When delight is used, PEL activates short lighters for some minor-modes.
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Open this PDF file. See also: <code>Help/Info</code>	<code><f11> M-d <f1></code>	(<code>pel-help-pdf</code> &optional <code>OPEN-WEB-PAGE</code>)	Open the Mode Line local PDF. If the prefix argument (like <code>C-u</code> or <code>M--</code>) is used, then it opens the remote GitHub hosted raw PDF instead. If the <code>pel-flip-help-pdf-arg</code> user-option is set it's the other way around.									
Customize PEL mode line support	<code><f11> M-d <f2></code>	(<code>pel-customize-pel</code> &optional <code>OTHER-WINDOW</code>)	Customize PEL mode line support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If <code>OTHER-WINDOW</code> is non-nil (use <code>C-u</code>), display in another window. 									
Customize Emacs mode line	<code><f11> M-d <f3></code>	(<code>pel-customize-library</code> &optional <code>OTHER-WINDOW</code>)	Customize Emacs mode line support: display-time, mode-line, mscroll <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If <code>OTHER-WINDOW</code> is non-nil (use <code>C-u</code>), display in another window. 									
Toggle which-function-mode to display name of current function at point See also: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Help/InfoMenus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <code><f11> ? f</code> <code><f11> M-d f</code> 	(<code>which-function-mode</code> &optional ARG)	<p>Toggle mode line display of current function (Which Function mode).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a prefix argument ARG, enable Which Function mode if ARG is positive, and disable it otherwise. The <code>which-function-mode</code> is a global minor mode. When enabled, the current function name is continuously displayed in the mode line, in certain major modes. <p> Detection of functions and variables depend on the imenu functionality. If you modify the content of a buffer, you need to force a menu rscan to get proper results. You can force a rscan with <code>pel-imenu-rscan</code>, bound to <code><f11> <f10> r</code>.</p> <p> Identify the major modes where you want this activated in the <code>which-function-mode</code> user-option with <code>M-x customize-option which-function-mode</code>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With PEL you can use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <code><f11> ? <f3></code> to access the <code>which-func</code> customization group. Note that it will provide access to the customization group even when the feature has not yet been loaded. <code><f11> <f2> o which-function-mode RET</code> to access the user-option directly. 									
Toggle display of <code>ace-window</code> number on window mode line See also: Windows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <code><f11> w #</code> <code><f11> M-d #</code> 	(<code>ace-window-display-mode</code> &optional ARG)	<p>Toggle the <code>ace-window-display-mode</code>, a minor mode that displays the ace window number of each window inside the left hand side of its mode line.</p> <p> Requires the <code>ace-window</code> external package.  PEL activates it when the <code>pel-use-ace-window</code> user-option is turned on. Use <code><f11> w <f2></code> to access the customization group where you can turn it on.</p>									
Display Time on Mode Line 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emacs can display time, date, current system load and other information on the mode line as controlled by the <code>display-time</code> customization group. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access it via the <code><f11> M-d <f3></code> key sequence. If you want to display this information when Emacs starts, set the <code>pel-modeline-display-time</code> user-option on. You can also use the following command to toggle the display of time. 									
Toggle time display on mode line See also: Time Tracking	<code><f11> M-d t</code>	(<code>pel-toggle-time-display</code>)	Toggle display of time on the mode line.									
Display point value on Mode Line			<p>The following command toggles the display of the current column on the mode line.</p> <p> Note that the display of several mode line elements can be activated through the Emacs Menu accessible via the <code><f10></code> key.</p>									
Toggle display of column number on mode line	<code><f11> M-d c</code>	(<code>column-number-mode</code> &optional ARG)	<p>Toggle column number display in the mode line (Column Number mode).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a prefix argument ARG, enable Column Number mode if ARG is positive, and disable it otherwise. 									
Toggle display of point character integer on mode line	<code><f11> M-d p</code>	(<code>show-point-mode</code> &optional ARG)	<p>Toggles the display of point integer value on the mode line.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a <code>C-u</code> prefix argument: turns the mode on. <p> Requires the <code>show-point-mode</code> external package  PEL activates it when the <code>pel-use-show-point-mode</code> is set.</p>									
Mode Line Scroll bar	 <code>mscroll</code> , activated by  <code>pel-use-mscroll</code> , shows a scroll bar in windows modeline. Set it to <code>use-from-start</code> to activate at startup.											
Toggle <code>mscroll</code> mode	<code><f11> M-d s</code>	(<code>mscroll-mode</code> &optional ARG)	Toggle the global minor mode for displaying an interactive scrollbar in the mode line.									
Mode Line Lighters			<p>The list of mode line lighters you are most likely to find when using Emacs with PEL are listed below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PEL uses some short lighters made of non-ASCII symbols that may or may not be rendered properly on various environments. These can be setup by customization and some may only work in terminal or graphics mode. <p>Some of the lighters are shown here, with some replacements done when  <code>pel-use-delight</code> is turned on:</p>									
• 	<code>undo-tree</code>		See: Undo/Redo/Repeat/Arg									
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	<code>pel-indent-with-tabs-mode</code>		Convert space-based indentation to tabs-based indentation. See Indentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May help working with files that use a small space based indentation width. 									
	<code>editorconfig-mode</code>		See EditorConfig									
	<code>pel-electric-pair-lighter</code>		See: Org-Mode  C  C++  D									
	<code>pel-tempo-mode</code>		See: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inserting Text  C Emacs Lisp  Erlang  UNIX Shell reStructuredText 									
	<code>superword-mode</code>		See Text Modes									
	<code>subword-mode</code>		See Text Modes									
	<code>glasses-mode</code>		See Text Modes									
	<code>anzu-mode</code>		See Search/Replace									
	<code>eldoc-mode</code>		See Emacs Lisp									
	<code>auto-fill-mode</code>		See Filling/Justification									
	<code>lisp-mode</code>		See Lisp									
	<code>overwrite-mode</code>		See Text Modes									
	<code>rainbow-mode</code>		See Highlight									
	<code>rectangular-region-mode</code>		See Cursor : (it's used in multiple cursor)									

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SP	smartparens-mode		See: Smartparens
SP/s	smartparens-strict-mode		
Vis	visible-mode		See Text Modes
WK	which-key-mode		See Help/Info
 command-log-mode			See Help/Info
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makefile.am • BSDmakefile • Imakefile • Makefile • Makeppfile • Nmake 	Major mode for various types of make files.		See: Make