## **Indenting & Tab**

Description  Indeptation under	Keystroke  Emacs controls indentation accounts	Function  rding to various rules controlled by the	Note	
Indentation under Emacs  O Use hard tabs or spaces for indentation Set hard-tab visual width Adjust tab stop Show tab/indent settings Align on return Insert hard-tab To next tab stop tabify & untabify Behaviour of tab key Insert newline, split line	Furthermore the behaviour of t     The standard behaviour may b     Several major modes impler that uses indentation for de     Several major modes identif     Some programming languag     Most languages never ident number of positions for the     Emacs can support anything     Emacs controls the display     The go-mode, for examp entirely controlled by hard	the modified by the use of major and milement special indentation schemes, such finding scopes.  If you avariable that sets the indentation leges (such as Go) impose hard-tab for diffied any rule, which led in some case indentation level.  If you can tabify or untabify source code rendering of hard tabs by the tab-width le, will move the first non-whitespace of dabs. It does not change the content	ajor mode; it may have surprising behaviour for people learning Emacs. inor modes. It is the surprising behaviour for people learning Emacs. It is as Lisp where indentation is inferred by the code itself as opposed to Python evel. Refer to the information on the programming language major mode. Indentation, using tab for indentation and space for alignment. Works very nicely. It is all sorts of conventions: use of both tabs and spaces, spaces only, with various e. Impose the use of hard tab or prevent it.	
Indent region Delete indentation  Move to 1st non-blank Indenting /un-indenting rigidly Text alignment on newline Indent-tools Smart-shift Smart-tabs Last updated on:	PEL supports various indentation implement other behaviours, supports in the indent-tools externated in the smart-shift externated information related to indentation complements the mode specific in the implements with the smart-tools indentation complements.	mechanisms and also provides some porting various major modes. This inc I package PEL activates it when the I package PEL activates it when the I package PEL activates it when the is described in the pages related to painformation.	of its own extensions. It also provides easy access to external packages that alludes the following: the pel-use-indent-tools user-option is turned on (set to t). The pel-use-smart-shift user-option is turned on (set to t). The pel-use-smart-tabs user-option is turned on (set to t). The pel-use-smart-tabs user-option is turned on (set to t). The information in this page is generic and	
Open this PDF file.	<f11> <tab> <f1></f1></tab></f11>	(pel-help-pdf &optional OPEN-	t Indentation and Hard Tab Control under PEL  Open the <u>S Indentation</u> local PDF. If the prefix argument (like <b>C-u</b> or <b>M</b> ) is	
See also: <u> </u>		WEB-PAGE)	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.	
<u> </u>	<f11> <tab> <f2></f2></tab></f11>	(pel-customize-pel &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize PEL support for indentation management  • If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use <b>C-u</b> ), display in other window.	
Customize Emacs Indentation control	<f11> <tab> <f3></f3></tab></f11>	(pel-customize-library &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize Emacs indentation control groups: indent, indent-tools, smart-shift.  • If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use <b>C-u</b> ), display in another window.	
Use hard tabs or spaces for indentation	The use of hard tabs or spaces for indentation is controlled by the Emacs (customizable) variable indent-tabs-mode.  • Like several Emacs variable this variable has global impact, but this can be overridden by directory local value, file local value and buffer local value allowing fine control over set of files and buffers.  See also:   Whitespace			
Toggle use of hard tabs for indentation in the current buffer	• <f11> <tab> m • <f11> t w I</f11></tab></f11>	(pel-toggle-indent-tabs-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle whether indentation can insert hard tab characters in the current buffer.  • Beep on each change to warn user of the change and display new value.  • If ARG is positive set to use hard tabs, otherwise force use of spaces only.  • This uses Emacs indent-tabs-mode function and provides more feedback.	
Hard-tab "width"			hard-tab character. It does not affect the content of the buffer or file.	
Set visual rendering of hard tabs for the current buffer	<f11> <tab> w</tab></f11>	(pel-set-tab-width N)	Change the <b>tab-width</b> of the current buffer, only affecting the display rendering hard tabs inserted in the buffer text. Prompts for a new value in the [2, 8] range	
Does not change buffer/file content	<ul> <li>This modifies a buffer local value of the tab-width user-option. The change is temporary and affects the current buffer only.</li> <li>PEL provides a specialized user-option to set the default value of tab-width for several major modes. For example, to change the tab width used for Go source code files, change the 'pel-go-tab-width' user-option variable instead. See the documentation of each major mode for more information</li> </ul>			
Tab stops	Emacs keeps track of a set of "ta		reference points to align text. Something similar to typewriter tab-stop.	
Change the tab stops  used by M-i	<f11> <tab> e</tab></f11>	(edit-tab-stops)	Opens a *Tab Stops* buffer. Identify the tab stops in the first line with colons.  Use C-c C-c to activate and exit the buffer.  • The tab stop take effect at the top of the buffer, as used by M-i	
Show Indentation settings	• <f11> <tab> ? • <f11> ? <tab></tab></f11></tab></f11>	(pel-show-indent &optional APPEND)	Print info about indentation control in a *pel-indent-info* help-mode buffer.  • Buffer-specific values of relevant user-options as buttons to use to get more info and change their customized values. Includes major-mode specific ones.	
For several major modes, a PEL mode-specific user- option controls the the value of the <b>tab-width</b> variable for	The command opens a buffer showing the indentation control for the current buffer.  • The first line shows the buffer	Indentation Control from all	Clear previous buffer content. Use prefix arg (like C-u) to append instead.      oc.c Wednesday, April 30, 2025 @ 08:21:59  These are help buttons! Click on them in graphic mode	
the mode. For example, pel-c-tab-width is used for c-mode buffers.	name and date.  The first group of user options are buffer specific and take precedence over the global	- pel-c-use-tabs	: 4 or text with mouse enabled. In text-mode without mouse suppor <a href="text-alpha">text-with mouse enabled. In text-mode without mouse suppor <a href="text-alpha">text-mode without mouse suppor <a href="text-alpha">text-alpha"&gt;text-alpha"&gt;text-alpha"&gt;text-alpha"&gt;text-alpha"&gt;text-alpha"&gt;text-alpha"&gt;text-alpha"</a> to navigate and <ret> to open help.</ret></a></a></a></a></a>	
Note however, that indentation for C buffer is controlled by the <b>c-basic-offset</b> user-option.	user-options.  The next group are global user-options that are used when they are not overridden by major-mode specific ones.	over the following global ones (file variables): - c-basic-offset - tab-width	easic-offset : 4	
Other major modes may provide mode specific control variables and the printed information will differ.	inside c-mode buffers, PEL has user-variables that take over.     All user-option variables are help buttons; click on them	- indent-tabs-mode - standard-indent - tab-always-indent - tab-stop-list	: nil : 4 : t : nil	
Toggle text alignment on	(in graphics mode) or tab and return to open help on the <f11> M-RET</f11>	-UUU:%*- F1 *pel-indent-info* f11 TAB ? (pel-toggle-newline-indent-align)	All (1,0) (Help WK Anzu) 08:22 2.34  Toggle variable <i>pel-newline-does-align</i> for the local buffer.	
pel-newline-and-indent- below See also: <u>∑ Align</u>	If pel-newline-does-align is t, i     set modes that automatical	lly activates <i>pel-newline-does-align</i> by ne following commands: pel-cc-newl pel-newline	the current block: the comments, the assignments.  by adding the major mode to <b>pel-modes-activating-align-on-return</b> user option.  ine (assigned to <b>RET</b> in CC modes like c-mode, c++-mode and d-mode).  -and-indent-below (assigned the M-RET)	
	<f11> t m ?</f11>	(pel-show-text-modes)	Display the state of the various text modes in the mini buffer.	
Show state of text modes  whether hard tabs are used for indentation, tab- width  whether newline aligns text  electric-quote-mode  delete-selection-mode  enriched-mode  overwrite-mode  case folding  subword, superword, glass modes	When indent-tabs-mode is act The number of hard tabs ins If indent-tabs-mode is not active  PEL provides user-options  Text Modes Status: Local indent-tabs-mode Local newline does alice Local electric-quote-mode whitespace-mode	tive, Emacs inserts a number of hard to stead depends on the amount of charave, then Emacs inserts only space charave, then form pel- <mode>-use-tabs where the control of the form pel-<mode>-use-tabs where the form pel-<mode>-use-table where th</mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode></mode>	cters required for indentation and the <b>tab-width</b> . racters. ich is used to initialize the indent-tabs-mode supported major modes buffers.  a = 8 activated by modes ( <f11> t a <f2>): (c-mode c++-mode sh-mode)</f2></f11>	
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<u>Description</u>	<u>Keystroke</u>	Function	<u>Note</u>	
Align on return	The following commands control	indentation on return. The behaviour	can be modified and PEL provides a quick command to list relevant user options.	
Display current buffer's vertical alignment behaviour See also:   Align	<f11> t a ?</f11>	(pel-align-info &optional APPEND)	Print information about text aligning info in a *pel-align-info* <a href="help-mode">help-mode</a> buffer.  • Prints current state and values of relevant user-options as buttons to help:  • M-RET behaviour in current buffer: show if that command aligns text or not.  • whether the modes are activating vertical alignment on return.  • Clear previous buffer content. Use prefix arg (like C-u) to append instead.	
Insert an indented line below current line See also:   Align	• M-RET • <f11> <tab> RET</tab></f11>	(pel-newline-and-indent-below)	Insert an indented line just below current line.  • Also align vertically if mode was activated for the buffer with <f11> M-RET.  • See current behaviour with <f11> t a ?</f11></f11>	
Inserting hard tab	Regardless of <tab> key behavior</tab>	our, it is possible to insert a <u>hard tab o</u>	character with C-q <tab></tab>	
Insert Literal Tab	C-q <tab></tab>	(quoted-insert ARG) <tab></tab>	Inserts a <u>hard tab</u> inside buffer. Render text according to value of <b>tab-width</b> .	
Insert whitespace to next tab-stop	Regardless of <b><tab></tab></b> key behaviour, it is possible to insert spaces (or combinations of hard tab and spaces) to put point to the next "tab-stop" with <b>M-i</b> • The location of tab-stops can be modified with ( <b>edit-tab-stop</b> ), bound to <b><f11></f11> <tab></tab> e</b> .			
Insert spaces or tabs to next defined tab-stop column	M-i	(tab-to-tab-stop)	Insert spaces or tabs to next defined tab-stop column.  • Use <f11> <tab> e to modify position of the tab stops.</tab></f11>	
Tabify & untabify	<ul> <li>The exact location of the next tab stop is identified by the value of the tab-stop-list and tab-width for the current buffer.</li> <li>The following two commands can be used to replace hard tabs in a file with the corresponding number of space characters while retaining the same</li> </ul>			
labily α untabily	indentation and vice-versa.			
Replace tabs with spaces in a region  See also:  Whitespace	<f11> t w SPC</f11>	(untabify START END &optional ARG)	Convert all tabs in region to multiple spaces, preserving columns.  If called interactively with prefix ARG, convert for the entire buffer.  First select a region (Use C-x h for selecting the whole file). Then use the untabify function to replace all tabs by spaces in that region.	
Replace multiple spaces with tabs in a region	<f11> t w <tab></tab></f11>	(tabify START END &optional ARG)	Convert multiple spaces in region to tabs when possible.  • A group of spaces is partially replaced by tabs when this can be done without	
See also: <u>∑ Whitespace</u>			changing the column they end at.  If called interactively with prefix ARG, convert for the entire buffer.	
Behaviour of Tab Key	In text modes, tabs default to it moves to the spot under the wo	nserting hard tabs corresponding to a ord above. Note that if a line is full of to	e of the current buffer. This key is rebound by several major mode. alignment at every 8 columns. However, if there is text in the above lines, the tab ext (without any space), then the tab stops controlled by the ruler take effect again. it adjusts the line indentation. according to surrounding code	
Indent current line (or region)	<tab></tab>	(indent-for-tab-command &optional ARG)	Indent the current line or region, or insert a tab, as appropriate.	
	<ul> <li>This function either inserts a tab, or indents the current line, or performs symbol completion, depending on 'tab-always-indent'. The function called to actually indent the line or insert a tab is given by the variable 'indent-line-function'.</li> <li>If a prefix argument is given, after this function indents the current line or inserts a tab, it also rigidly indents the entire balanced expression which starts at the beginning of the current line, to reflect the current line's indentation.</li> <li>In most major modes, if point was in the current line's indentation, it is moved to the first non-whitespace character after indenting; otherwise it stays at the same position relative to the text.</li> <li>If 'transient-mark-mode' is turned on and the region is active, this function instead calls 'indent-region'. In this case, any prefix argument is ignored.</li> </ul>			
	The behaviour of the tab key vastly differ between major modes. This ranges from not moving the cursor at all if the indentation is identified as correct for the current context, to cycling through various potential positions to just what someone new to Emacs would expect. Much more has to be documented on the behaviour of that key and how it can be controlled and customized. It's quite possible that the best way to document its behaviour would be to place a description inside the table of each major mode.			
	<tab></tab>	indent-for-tab-command &optional ARG)	In <b>Lisp</b> related modes. indent-line-function = indent-relative.  • tab-always-indent = t	
	Several major modes adjust the	ne behaviour of the tab key to perform	semantically aware indentation, such as what is being done in Lisp.	
	<tab></tab>	( <b>c-indent-line-or-region</b> &optional ARG REGION)	In C related modes: Indent active region, current line, or block starting on the line.  In Transient Mark mode, when the region is active, reindent the region.  With prefix argument, rigidly reindent the expression starting on current line.  Otherwise reindent just the current line.	
Indent lines of list after point Example: CLBC s3.lisp	С-М-ф	(indent-sexp & optional ENDPOS)     (c-indent-exp & optional SHUTUP-P)	Indent each line of the list starting just after point.  • The command used depends on the major mode of the current buffer.	
Newline & indent				
Insert new-line and maybe indent	C-j	(electric-newline-and-maybe-indent)	Add new line and indent next line. Indentation is controlled by the variable left-margin. Pressing Tab anywhere on the line also indents the line properly.	
Insert new-line and maybe indent	RET	(pel-cc-newline &optional N)	Insert a newline and perhaps align. With argument N repeat N times.  • For newline insertion, operate according to the value of the variable 'pel-cc-newline-mode'.	
Split current line & indent	С-М-о	(split-line &optional ARG)	Split current line, moving portion beyond point vertically down.  If the current line starts with 'fill-prefix', insert it on the new line as well.  With prefix ARG, don't insert 'fill-prefix' on new line.	
Indent Region	C-M-\	(indent-region START END &optional COLUMN)	Indent each nonblank line in the region.  • A numeric prefix argument specifies a column: indent each line to that column.  • With no prefix argument, the command chooses one of these methods and indents all the lines with it:  1. If 'fill-prefix' is non-nil, insert 'fill-prefix' at the beginning of each line in the region that does not already begin with it.  2. If 'indent-region-function' is non-nil, call that function to indent the region.  3. Indent each line via 'indent-according-to-mode'.	
Indent relative to line above	<f11> <tab> r (indent-relative &amp; optional FIRST-ONLY UNINDENTED-OK) Space out to under next indent point in previous nonblank line. An indent point is a non-whitespace character following whitespace. If FIRST-ONLY is non-nil (ie. using C-u prefix) then only the first indent point is considered. If the previous nonblank line has no indent points beyond the column point starts at, then 'tab-to-tab-stop' is done, if both FIRST-ONLY and UNINDENTED-OK are nil, otherwise nothing is done. If there isn't a previous nonblank line and UNINDENTED-OK is nil, call 'tab-to-tab-stop'. Essentially, this command inserts whitespace at point, until point is aligned with the first non-whitespace character on the previous line (actually, the last non-blank line). If point is already farther right than that, run tab-to-tab-stop instead—unless called with a numeric argument, in which case do nothing.</tab></f11>			
Delete Indentation, join line to the previous one See also: ∑ Cut & Paste ∑ Whitespace	• M-^ • <f11> © 6 • <f6> 6</f6></f11>	(delete-indentation &optional ARG)	Join this line to previous and fix up whitespace at join.  If there is a fill prefix, delete it from the beginning of this line.  With argument, join this line to following line.	
Move to fist nonbank character on the line	М-т	(back-to-indentation)	Move point to the first non-whitespace character on this line.	

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Indenting and un- indenting rigidly	<ul> <li>The following commands provide non-semantic indentation of the current line or marked region.</li> <li>The first command allows you to use further keystrokes to fine-tune the indentation back and forth using cursor keys. That's probably all you ever n to use.</li> <li>Currently, PEL also provides the last 2 commands that indent or un-indent the current line or marked region. Once used, the region remains marked allow further use of the command.</li> </ul>				
Indent/Unindent rigidly See also:   Key-Chords	• C-x <tab> • <f11> <tab> <tab> • <tab>q</tab></tab></tab></f11></tab>	(pel-indent-rigidly &optional N)	If a region is mark to control indentation If no region is mark argument N (or if no N = [-1, 0, 1] : 0 N > 1 : operate N < -1 : operate Output  N < -1 : operate	on changes.  rked, it operates on current of specified N=1): operate on current line on the current line and N-1 on the current line and (abs is issued use the keys listed)	nd provides the same prompts line(s) identified by the numeric lines below.
FEL rebinds this key, but extends the functionality: pel-indent-rigidly uses indent-rigidly, described below the dashed line.		➤ PEL uses the above instead of the standard: (indent-rigidly START END ARG &optional INTERACTIVE)	which the indentati	g in the region.  ly with no prefix argument, a on can be adjusted interacti ft>, or S- <right>.</right>	
See also:  • PL - C  • PL - C++  • PL - D  • M reStructuredText	Both of these commands activate a transient mode where Emacs prompts for extra keys to control how to indent or un-indent. The capabilities are controlled by the variable indent-rigidly-map with by default provides:  • S- <right> indent-rigidly-right-to-tab-stop</right>				width user option. ble, for buffers in c-mode, the
		y-chord is available when <b>pel-use-key</b> is available with the key-chord bindin		∑ Key-Chords.	
Indent line(s) rigidly	<f6> <tab> <f11> <tab> c      Works with point anywhere on     All lines touched by the region</tab></f11></tab></f6>		Indent current or mark	ked lines by N indentation le	vels
	A special argument N can specific If a negative number is specific If a region is marked, the funct characters in all affected lines.     Use C-g to de-activate the regional Handles presence of hard tabs     If indent-tabs-mode is non-tabs-mode is non-tabs-mode.	cify more than one indentation level. Ited, 'pel-unindent-lines' is used. ion does not deactivate it to allow repigion.  it is:  inil the indentation is created with a miny hard tab in the indentation of the mindentation of th	eated execution of the o	ce characters.	·
Un-indent line(s) rigidly	If a region was marked, the fur characters in all affected lines Use C-g to de-activate the reg Handles presence of hard tabs If indent-tabs-mode is non-indepth.	are un-indented.  tion does not deactivate it to allow represention does not deactivate it to allow region.  tion	peated execution of the epeated execution of the x of hard-tabs and space	e command. It also modifie ce characters.	s the region to include all
Indent-tools	It provides a minor mode and a     The indent-tools external par     This also automatically active     PEL provide a global key binor	ge provides several commands to inde a key <b>hydra</b> that provides all of these of ckage PEL activates it when the <b>p</b> vates the <b>hydra</b> external package. ding to its key <b>hydra</b> and provides the and activates the <b>C-c</b> > key binding	commands.  el-use-indent-tools us ability to activate the pro	er-option is turned on (set to	o t).
Open the indent-tools	• <f11> <tab> <f7></f7></tab></f11>	(indent-tools-hydra/body)	Activate the "indent-to	ools-hydra" hydra.	
<b>hydra</b> See also: <u>ֆմ - <b>Python</b></u>	• <f7> <tab> • C-c &gt;</tab></f7>		<ul><li> globally, when pel-</li><li> in python-mode on</li></ul>	•	set to <b>globally</b> ,
	The heads for the associated hyders: 'indent-tools-indent'		Indent	Navigation	Actions
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	e: 'indent-tools-goto-er u: 'indent-tools-goto-pr d: 'indent-tools-goto-cl S: 'indent-tools-select-r n: 'indent-tools-goto-nr p: 'indent-tools-goto-pr i: 'helm-imenu', j: 'forward-line', k: 'previous-line', SPC: 'indent-tools-indent-	arent', nild', end-of-tree', ext-sibling', revious-sibling',			
See also: <u>National Hide/Show</u>	_: 'undo-tree-undo', L: 'recenter-top-bottom f: 'yafolding-toggle-ele q: exit	, ,	√ The f key toggles t again to display it bac	_	nce to hide the sub-tree, press-

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Smart-shift	The <u>smart-shift</u> external package simplifies shifting a complete line or region of lines right or left but also up or down.  • It is implemented as a minor or global minor mode that must be enabled first.			
	<ul> <li>Automatically activate the smart-shift-mode in specified major mode by customizing the pel-<mode>-activates-minor-modes user-options.</mode></li> <li>You can also use the commands manually or through the key bindings provided by PEL to activate the smart-shift-mode in the current buffer or glob for all buffers.</li> <li>PEL controls it through customization user-options:</li> </ul>			
	The smart-shift external package PEL activates it when the pel-use-smart-shift user-option is turned on (set to t).			
∑ Customize with:	PEL also provides the <b>pel-smart-shift-keybinding</b> user-option that allows you to select whether the shift keys used by smart-shift mode is the default provided keys only or whether you also want to activate another set.			
<f11> <tab> s <f2></f2></tab></f11>	<ul> <li>The default are always available when smart-shift mode is active: C-c <right>, C-c <left>, C-c <up> and C-c <down>.</down></up></left></right></li> <li>PEL can also activate one of the following extra key binding sets:</li> <li>Using the control cursor key: C-c C-<right>, C-c C-<left>, C-c C-<up> and C-c C-<down>.</down></up></left></right></li> </ul>			
	_	and the contract of the contra	eft>, <f9> <up> and <f9> <down>.</down></f9></up></f9>	
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Toggle smart-shift mode in current buffer	<f11> <tab> s</tab></f11>	(smart-shift-mode &optional ARG)	Activate/de-activate the smart-shift mode in the current buffer.     Activate the line-shift key bindings listed below, in the current buffer.     With PEL, the actual key binding selected for the line shift commands depend on the value of the pel-smart-shift-keybinding user-option.	
Toggle smart-shift mode globally	<f11> <tab> S</tab></f11>	(global-smart-shift-mode &optional ARG)	<ul> <li>Toggle Smart-Shift mode in all buffers.</li> <li>With prefix ARG, enable Global Smart-Shift mode if ARG is positive; otherwise, disable it.</li> <li>Smart-Shift mode is enabled in all buffers where 'smart-shift-mode-on' would do it.</li> </ul>	
When smart-shift mode is active:	1		ovided by PEL can be enabled via the <b>pel-smart-shift-keybinding</b> user-option. s, only one of the last 2 key bindings is available in the smart-shift minor mode.	
Shift line or region right	• C-c <right> • C-c C-<right> • <f9> <right></right></f9></right></right>	(smart-shift-right &optional ARG)	Shift the line or region to the ARG times to the right.	
Shift line or region left	• C-c <left> • C-c C-<left> • <f9> <left></left></f9></left></left>	(smart-shift-left &optional ARG)	Shift the line or region to the ARG times to the left.	
Shift line or region up	• C-c <up> • C-c C-<up> • <f9> <up></up></f9></up></up>	(smart-shift-up &optional ARG)	Shift the line or region to the ARG times to the upwards.	
Shift line or region down	• C-c <down> • C-c C-<down> • <f9> <down></down></f9></down></down>	(smart-shift-down &optional ARG)	Shift the line or region to the ARG times to the downwards	
smart-tabs	The smart-tabs externa	I package 🔃 PEL activates it when the	ne <b>pel-use-smart-tabs</b> user-option is turned on (set to <b>t</b> ).	
Toggle smart-tabs mode	<f11> <tab> M-s</tab></f11>	(smart-tabs-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle smart-tabs minor mode.  • Intelligently indent with tabs, align with spaces!	

## Indentation - References

Title & URL	Description
Understanding GNU Emacs and Tabs	Overview description of how Emacs handle the Tab key, often used for strict indentation in many editors. In Emacs it can do much more.
GNU Emacs Manual - Indentation	
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Indentation Basic Concepts Tutorial @ XEmacs	A tutorial on indentation written by KaiGrossjohann

## Tabs or space for indentation??

There are several views on the use of hard-tab and space characters for indenting source code. They are:

- Use only hard-tab for indentation. Uncontrolled use of tabs or spaces for alignment.
   Use only space characters for indentation. Popular in C like languages. Also popular in Python.
- 3. Use hard tabs for indentation, and space character for alignment.
- Method 1 was popular originally since it reduces file size when hard tab size was always the same. But soon it became possible to identify a different number of character positions to render a hard tab. And then it became impossible to guarantee the rendering of code indentation and alignment when the number of hard-tabs did not match the indentation level of a line of source code.
- A reaction to this problem is to use Method 2 where hard-tabs are banned. The rendering is therefore always the same no matter what the size of a hard tab is since you don't use
- any. This however increases the size of files. Not a problem for storage today you'd say, but perhaps a problem for data transfer and/or power consumption.

  Method 3 is used by some programming environments. The Go programming language imposes the use of hard-tabs for indentation. And if you want to align text at the right of the indentation level, you use spaces.
  - To use this method in other programming languages, you can use the smart-tabs-mode explained in the <u>Smart-Tabs Emacs Wiki page</u>.

- Emacs support all modes. It has 2 different buffer local variables that are important and control the rendering of hard-tabs and the indentation:

   tab-width: How many columns a hard-tab occupies, the distance between tab-stops.

   indentation offset variable: a variable for each major mode, like c-basic-offset for CC modes (C, C++, Java, etc...), that identifies the number of columns per indentation level.

PEL provides access to the smarttabs package but it's not yet fully configured for programming modes nor tested. ##For CC modes it provides PEL user-options that control the indentation using method 2.

Using method 3 requires a better understanding from all developers working on the source code with all their editors being able to handle the mix of hard tab and space characters correctly.

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Indent preprocessor directives as C code in emacs	Does not fully address the way I want to have multi-indentations for pre-processor
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