

Emacs support for editing Changelog files

Description	Keystroke	Function	Note
Changelog Files	Emacs natively supports the change-log-mode for editing Changelog files .  PEL enhance Emacs' support when pel-use-changelog user-option is set, providing some extra key bindings and providing access to this PDF.		
Last updated on:	2025-05-07	See Emacs Change Log Commands	This mode is related to VCS and CVS version control systems.  The documentation here does not include information about those and might have to be updated. 
Open this PDF file. See also:  Help/Info	<f12> <f1>	(pel-changelog-help &optional OPEN-WEB-PAGE)	Open the  Changelog File 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.
ChangeLog Control			
Use change-log-mode	M-x change-log-mode	(change-log-mode)	Major mode for editing change logs; like Indented Text mode. - Prevents numeric backups and sets 'left-margin' to 8 and 'fill-column' to 74. - New log entries are usually made with M-x add-change-log-entry or C-x 4 a. - Each entry behaves as a paragraph, and the entries for one day as a page.
Add new entry in the change-log	C-x 4 a	(add-change-log-entry &optional WHOAMI CHANGELOG-FILE-NAME OTHER-WINDOW NEW-ENTRY PUT-NEW-ENTRY-ON-NEW-LINE)	Find ChangeLog buffer, add an entry for today and an item for this file. - With an optional prefix WHOAMI (such as C-u) prompt for user name and email (the default values are stored in 'add-log-full-name' and 'add-log-mailing-address' user-options). - The CHANGELOG-FILE-NAME is the file name of the change log. - Interactively, it's nil; so the function uses the value of 'change-log-default-name' user-option. - If the file thus named exists, it is used for the new entry. If it doesn't exist, it is created, unless 'add-log-dont-create-changelog-file' is t, in which case a suitably named buffer that doesn't visit any file is used for keeping entries pertaining to CHANGELOG-FILE-NAME's directory. - Third arg OTHER-WINDOW non-nil means visit in other window. Interactively it's nil and therefore uses the current window. - Fourth arg NEW-ENTRY non-nil means always create a new entry at the front; never append to an existing entry. Option 'add-log-keep-changes-together' otherwise affects whether a new entry is created. Interactively it's nil so it creates a new entry at the front (the top) of the file. - Fifth arg PUT-NEW-ENTRY-ON-NEW-LINE non-nil means that if a new entry is created, put it on a new line by itself, do not put it after a comma on an existing line. - Option 'add-log-always-start-new-record' non-nil means always create a new record, even when the last record was made on the same date and by the same person. - The change log file can start with a copyright notice and a copying permission notice. The first blank line indicates the end of these notices. - Today's date is calculated according to 'add-log-time-zone-rule' if non-nil, otherwise in local time.
Go to source location of change log tag	C-c C-c	(change-log-goto-source)	Go to source location of "change log tag" near 'point'. - A change log tag is a symbol within a parenthesized, comma-separated list. - If no suitable tag can be found nearby, try to visit the file for the change under 'point' instead.
Visit changed file	C-c C-f	(change-log-find-file)	Visit the file for the change under point.
Move to next note	C-c C-n	(add-log-edit-next-comment ARG)	Cycle forward through Log-Edit mode comment history. With a numeric prefix ARG, go forward ARG comments.
Move to previous note	C-c C-p	(add-log-edit-prev-comment ARG)	Cycle backward through Log-Edit mode comment history. With a numeric prefix ARG, go back ARG comments.