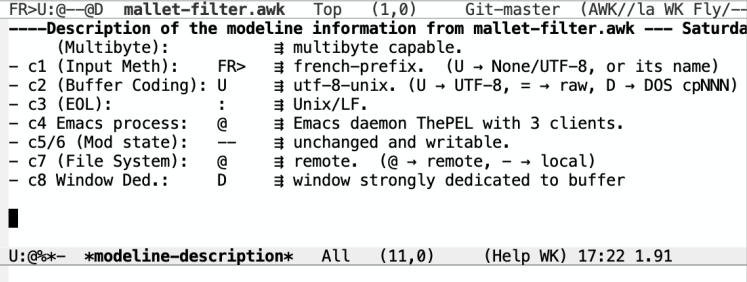


Mode Line Control

Description	Keystroke	Function	Notes / Example description
Emacs Mode Line	Emacs mode line, shown at the bottom of each window provides information about the buffer, describing the content of the buffer, the major and minor modes used. The information shown depends on the content of Emacs mode-line-format variable. - Type: C-h o mode-line-format <RET> to open help on it. The pel-pkg-for-modeline customization group that contains the following pel-use user-options that install and activate the following:  delight  pel-use-delight Replace selected info by nicer ones as defined in pel-delight-spec user-option.  mlscroll  pel-use-mscroll Shows a scroll bar in windows modeline. Set it to use-from-start to activate at startup.  show-point-mode  pel-use-show-point-mode Shows point value (a single integer) in mode line when active. - Access this customization group with <f11> M-d <f2>. - When delight is used, PEL activates short lighters for some minor-modes. The following commands can be used to provides the activation of extra information shown on the mode line.		
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Open this PDF file. See also: 🔗 Help/Info	<f11> M-d <f1>	(pel-help-pdf &optional OPEN-WEB-PAGE)	Open the 🔗 Mode Line 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.
🔗 Customize PEL mode line support	<f11> M-d <f2>	(pel-customize-pel &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize PEL mode line support If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in another window.
🔗 Customize Emacs mode line	<f11> M-d <f3>	(pel-customize-library &optional OTHER-WINDOW)	Customize Emacs mode line support: display-time, mode-line, mlscroll If OTHER-WINDOW is non-nil (use C-u), display in another window.
Describe Modeline left side info 💡 Use this to understand the modeline info and more!	<f11> M-d ?	(pel-modeline-describe)	Prints a description of the left-most modeline information in plain English inside a help-mode buffer. 
	The report describes the current encoding, input method, Emacs process type (normal or Emacs daemon client with daemon name and client count). line ending format and buffer modification status , the remote file access status and the window dedication state. Correlates the information with the groups of characters used to display that information in the modeline. - See the example from a GUI Emacs Server client ➡ - Each code group shown in the modeline is identified by a c# followed by a title, the characters shown in the modeline, a ≡, their meaning and possible other values. - Dismiss the buffer by typing q.		
Toggle which-function-mode to display name of current function at point See also: 🔗 Help/Info 🔗 Menus	<f11> ? f <f11> M-d f	(which-function-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle mode line display of current function (Which Function mode). - With a prefix argument ARG, enable Which Function mode if ARG is positive, and disable it otherwise. - The which-function-mode is a global minor mode. When enabled, the current function name is continuously displayed in the mode line, in certain major modes. ⚠️ Detection of functions and variables depend on the imenu functionality. If you modify the content of a buffer, you need to force a menu rescan to get proper results. You can force a rescan with pel-imenu-rescan, bound to <f11> <f10> r .
	 Identify the major modes where you want this activated in the which-function-mode user-option with M-x customize-option which-function-mode. - With PEL you can use: <f11> ? <f3> to access the which-func customization group. Note that it will provide access to the customization group even when the feature has not yet been loaded. <f11> <f2> o which-function-mode RET to access the user-option directly.		
Toggle display of ace-window number on window mode line See also: 🔗 Windows	<f11> w # <f11> M-d #	(ace-window-display-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle the ace-window-display-mode, a minor mode that displays the ace window number of each window inside the left hand side of its mode line.  Requires the ace-window external package.  PEL activates it when the pel-use-ace-window user-option is turned on. Use <f11> w <f2> to access the customization group where you can turn it on.
Display Time on Mode Line 	- Emacs can display time, date, current system load and other information on the mode line as controlled by the display-time customization group. - Access it via the <f11> M-d <f3> key sequence. - If you want to display this information when Emacs starts, set the pel-modeline-display-time 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	<f11> M-d t	(pel-toggle-time-display)	Toggle display of time on the mode line.
Display point value on Mode Line	The following command toggles the display of the current column on the mode line. 👉 Note that the display of several mode line elements can be activated through the Emacs Menu accessible via the <f10> key.		
Toggle display of column number on mode line	<f11> M-d c	(column-number-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle column number display in the mode line (Column Number mode). 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	<f11> M-d p	(show-point-mode &optional ARG)	Toggles the display of point integer value on the mode line. With a C-u prefix argument: turns the mode on.  Requires the show-point-mode external package  PEL activates it when the pel-use-show-point-mode is set.
Mode Line Scroll bar	 mlscroll , activated by  pel-use-mscroll , shows a scroll bar in windows modeline. Set it to use-from-start to activate at startup.		
Toggle mlscroll mode	<f11> M-d s	(mlscroll-mode &optional ARG)	Toggle the global minor mode for displaying an interactive scrollbar in the mode line.
Mode Line Lighters	The list of mode line lighters you are most likely to find when using Emacs with PEL are listed below. - 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. Some of the lighters are shown here, with some replacements done when  pel-use-delight is turned on:		
🌀🌀🌀 🌀🌀	undo-tree		See: 🔗 Undo/Redo/Repeat/Arg
📄	pel-indent-with-tabs-mode		Convert space-based indentation to tabs-based indentation. See 🔗 Indentation May help working with files that use a small space based indentation width.
	editorconfig-mode		See EditorConfig
⚡(I)	pel-electric-pair-lighter		See: ⌘ Org-Mode ⌘ - C ⌘ - C++ ⌘ - D
⚡	pel-tempo-mode		See: 🔗 Inserting Text ⌘ - C ⌘ - C++ 🔗⌘ - Emacs Lisp ⌘ - Erlang ⌘ - UNIX Shell ⌘ reStructuredText
2	superword-mode		See 🔗 Text Modes

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,	subword-mode		See Text Modes
o^o	glasses-mode		See Text Modes
Anzu	anzu-mode		See Search/Replace
eldoc	eldoc-mode		See M - Emacs Lisp
Fill	auto-fill-mode		See Filling/Justification
LY	lispy-mode		See M - Lispy
Ov	overwrite-mode		See Text Modes
	rainbow-mode		See Highlight
rr	rectangular-region-mode		See Cursor : (it's used in multiple cursor)
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
• <code>Makefile.am</code> • <code>BSDmakefile</code> • <code>Imakefile</code> • <code>Makefile</code> • <code>Makeppfile</code> • <code>Nmake</code>	Major mode for various types of make files.		See: M - Make