

Introductory Tutorial for APDL-Mode

A GNU Emacs programming mode for the APDL language,
version 20.6.0

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Introducing APDL-Mode – an APDL Environment

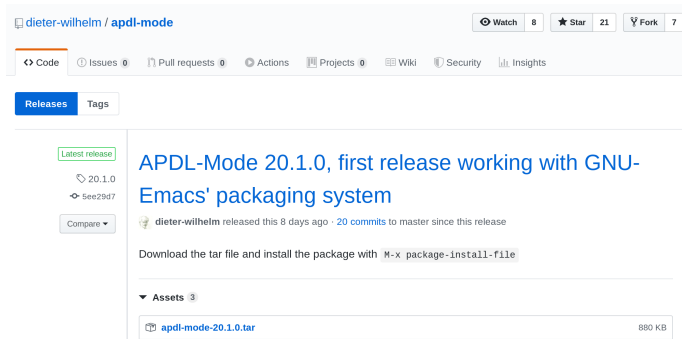
This project supports your APDL workflows with the FEA suite Ansys.

It provides an editor mode for GNU Emacs for investigating and coding APDL. The mode offers also managing and communication capabilities for various Ansys processes, like interactive code debugging with the solver or inquiring the license manager status, etc. Some features are quite sophisticated but its documentation is accessible for Ansys users with little APDL and Emacs experience.

GNU-Emacs is a modern, powerful and extensible - yet free - editor. High quality software available for every operating system where Ansys is running.

Install GNU-Emacs and APDL-Mode

There are no costs and restrictions even in commercial application. Please install **GNU Emacs** then APDL-Mode from **Melpa** or download an archive from the **APDL-Mode's releases page**.



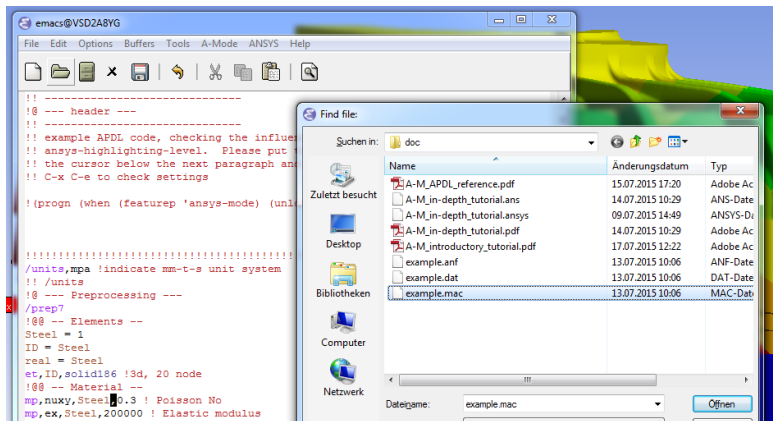
The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository `dieter-wilhelm / apdl-mode`. At the top, there are buttons for Watch (8), Star (21), and Fork (7). Below that, navigation links include Code, Issues (0), Pull requests (0), Actions, Projects (0), Wiki, Security, and Insights. The 'Releases' tab is selected, showing the latest release: **APDL-Mode 20.1.0, first release working with GNU-Emacs' packaging system**. The release was made by `dieter-wilhelm` 8 days ago with 20 commits. A download link for the tar file is provided: `m-x package-install-file`. Under the 'Assets' section, the file `apdl-mode-20.1.0.tar` is listed with a size of 880 KB.

Install APDL-Mode in Emacs: Please type: `M-x package-install-file` <RET> and select the downloaded tar archive.

Open an Emacs Buffer under APDL-Mode

Start the editor and open *doc/example.mac* or any other APDL file (with the extensions *mac*, *ans*, *inp*, *dat* or *anf*, otherwise type M-x apdl and <RET>).

In the following M-x or C-c means typing <ALT> or <CTRL> key together with the 'x' or 'c' key.



Explore the APDL-Mode Menus

Browsing the APDL help with **C-c C-b** is much faster than searching with the Ansys Help Viewer or online.

The screenshot displays the ANSYS APDL-Mode interface. The main window shows the command editor with the following text:

```
MP, Lab, MAT, C0, C1, C2, C3, C4
Defines a linear material property as a constant.

Lab
Valid material property label. Applicable to the Material Reference for more complete information.

ALPD -- Mass matrix multiplier for element type.
ALPX -- Secant coefficients of thermal expansion.
BETD -- Stiffness matrix multiplier for element type.

Note: If used in an element type, the value corresponds to 10% of the reference value.

BETX -- Coefficient of diffusion expansion.
BVIS -- Bulk viscosity.
C -- Specific heat.
CREF -- Reference concentration (for CSAT).
CSAT -- Saturated concentration.
CTEX -- Instantaneous coefficients of thermal expansion.
CVH -- Heat coefficient at constant volume.
DENS -- Mass density.
DMPR -- Constant structural damping ratio.
DXX -- Diffusivity coefficients (also called thermal conductivity).
EMIS -- Emissivity.
ENTH -- Enthalpy.
EX -- Elastic moduli (also EY, EZ).
GXY -- Shear moduli (also GYZ, GXZ).
```

The 'emacsi@VSD2ABYG' window is open, showing the 'ANSYS Help' menu. The menu items are:

- Comment/Un- Region M-;
- Complete Symbol C-M-i
- Copy region or paragraph to clipboard C-c C-c
- Copy above Code C-c C-u
- Close Logical Block C-;
- Insert Parentheses M-()
- Preview Macro Template C-c C-s
- Align region or paragraph C-c C-a
- Show ANSYS Command Help M-?
- Display Variable Definitions C-c C-v
- Change Display a short help for the ANSYS command near the cursor with its parameters. M-x ansys-show-command-p
- Change the ANSYS command near the cursor with its parameters. M-x ansys-show-command-p
- Open APDL help in Browser C-c C-b
- Start ANSYS help system C-c C-h
- Insert Template
- Navigate Code Lines
- Work with Logical Blocks
- Outline Minor Mode
- Show Paren Mode
- Delete Selection Mode
- ANSYS-Mode Online Documentation
- Help on ANSYS-Mode C-h m
- Customise ANSYS-Mode
- List Mode Abbreviations
- ANSYS Mode Bug Report
- Reload ANSYS-Mode
- Exit ANSYS-Mode Version: 161.1

Annotations in the image include:

- A yellow box highlights the 'Change Display a short help for the ANSYS command near the cursor with its parameters. M-x ansys-show-command-p' menu item.
- A blue box highlights the 'C-c C-b' key combination next to 'Open APDL help in Browser'.
- A blue box highlights the 'C-c C-h' key combination next to 'Start ANSYS help system'.
- A blue box highlights the 'C-h m' key combination next to 'Help on ANSYS-Mode'.
- Text on the right side of the image reads: 'PREP7: Materials', 'MP ME ST PR DS EM DY PP EME MFS', 'Product Restrictions', and 'Reference: See Linear Material Properties in'.

Easily Inspect WorkBench Solver Files (*doc/example.dat*)

APDL-Mode hides the normally uninteresting but usually very large number blocks. On the right hand side is the unhidden content. If APDL-Mode is not yet configured for *.dat* files please type:

```
M-x apdl-mode
```

```
emacs@VSDTQB0D
File Edit Options Buffers Tools ANSYS Help

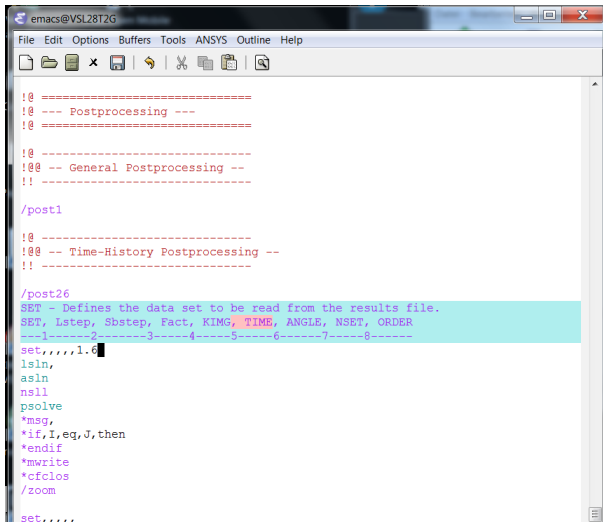
SHPP,OFF,,NOWARN
/nolist
etcon,set          ! allow ANSYS to choose best KEYOP's for 180x element
/com,***** Nodes for the whole assembly *****
nblock,3
(1i9,3e20.9e3)
  1      -7.500000000E-001    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
  ! [ ... hidden region ... ]
    88596    1.994659086E+001    1.291219623E+001    2.154539857E-014
-1
/wb,elem,start    ! set before creation of elements
/com,***** Elements for Body 1 "40600024_CAD_102" *****
et,1,187
eblock,19,solid,,5350
(19i9)
50      1      1      1      1      0      0      0      0
    0      4929    23672    29579    26683    27434    43256    59546
52      43253
  ! [ ... hidden region ... ]
    62622    63635
-1
!Material Id = (AA70AC48-F275-4CA7-BFD1-9FEE7F3E223D)
```

```
emacs@VSDTQB0D
File Edit Options Buffers Tools ANSYS Help

SHPP,OFF,,NOWARN
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etcon,set          ! allow ANSYS to choose best KEYOP's for 180x element
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  1      -7.500000000E-001    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
  2      -5.000000000E-001    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
  3      -2.500000000E-001    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
  4      0.000000000E+000    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
  5      2.500000000E-001    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
  6      5.000000000E-001    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
  7      7.500000000E-001    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
  8      1.000000000E+000    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
  9      1.250000000E+000    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
 10     1.500000000E+000    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
 11     1.750000000E+000    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
 12     2.000000000E+000    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
 13     2.250000000E+000    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
 14     2.500000000E+000    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
 15     2.750000000E+000    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
 16     3.000000000E+000    5.393061738E-001    1.363562179E+000
```

Check Your Cursor Position in the Argument List

For commands with a large number of arguments it is cumbersome to count the arguments, **M-h** facilitates this for you and visualises dynamically at which argument position the cursor is.

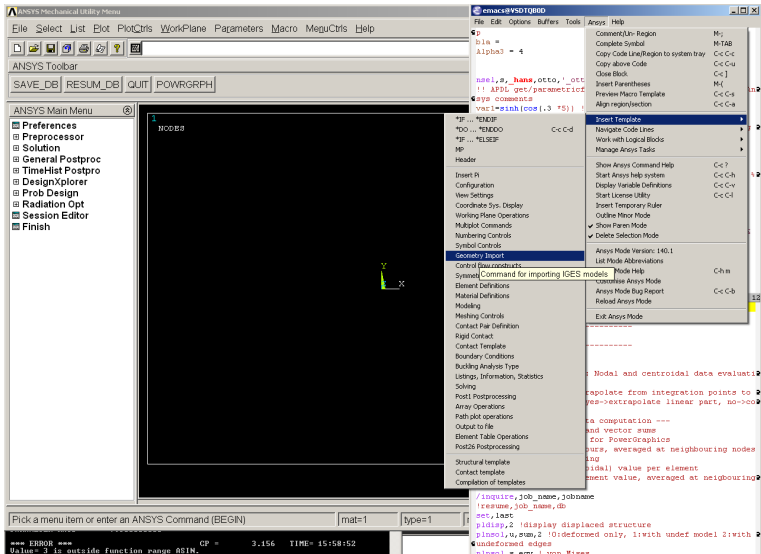


The screenshot shows an Emacs window titled 'emacs@VSL28T2G'. The menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'Options', 'Buffers', 'Tools', 'ANSYS', 'Outline', and 'Help'. The toolbar contains icons for file operations. The main text area displays an ANSYS input file with several sections. The section for '/post26' is highlighted in light blue. The line 'set,,,,,1.6' is highlighted in light blue, and a black cursor is positioned at the end of this line. The text in the window is as follows:

```
!@ =====  
!@ --- Postprocessing ---  
!@ =====  
  
!@ -----  
!@@ -- General Postprocessing --  
!! -----  
  
/post1  
  
!@ -----  
!@@ -- Time-History Postprocessing --  
!! -----  
  
/post26  
SET - Defines the data set to be read from the results file.  
SET, Lstep, Sbstep, Fact, KIMG, TIME, ANGLE, NSET, ORDER  
--1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7-----8-----  
set,,,,,1.6  
lsln,  
asln  
nsl1  
psolve  
*msg,  
*if, I, eq, J, then  
*endif  
*mwrite  
*cfclos  
/zoom  
  
set, .....
```

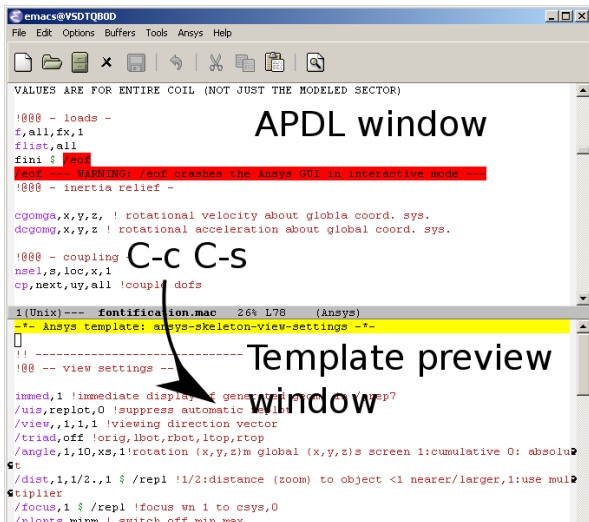
Select and Insert Templates from the Menu into Your Code

Screenshot with the Ansys Classics GUI on the left and Emacs on the right on Win64



Preview the Extensible APDL Code Templates

Before inserting an entire template you are able to inspect its content in a preview window (C-c C-s) and might just copy the most relevant snippets, please see below and next slide.



The image shows a screenshot of an Emacs editor window titled 'emacs@VSDTQB0D'. The main window displays APDL code with several annotations:

- 'APDL window' is written in large black text in the upper right area of the code.
- 'C-c C-s' is written in large black text in the middle left area, with an arrow pointing to a yellow-highlighted line in the code.
- 'Template preview window' is written in large black text in the lower right area, with an arrow pointing to the same yellow-highlighted line.

The code in the main window includes:

```
VALUES ARE FOR ENTIRE COIL (NOT JUST THE MODELED SECTOR)

!000 - loads -
f,all,fx,1
flist,all
fini $ /eof
/eof --- WARNING: /eof crashes the Ansys GUI in interactive mode ---
!000 - inertia relief -

cgonga,x,y,z, ! rotational velocity about globla coord. sys.
dcgonmg,x,y,z ! rotational acceleration about global coord. sys.

!000 - coupling
nset,s,loc,x,1
cp,next,uy,all !coupl dof
```

The yellow-highlighted line in the code is: `!*- Ansys template: ansys-skeleton-view-settings -*`. Below this line, the code continues with view settings and other APDL commands:

```
!! -----
!00 -- view settings --

immed,1 !immediate display of generated geometry /vrep7
/uis,replot,0 !suppress automatic replot
/view,,1,1,1 !viewing direction vector
/triad,off !orig,lbot,rbot,ltop,rtop
/angle,1,10,xs,1!rotation (x,y,z)m global (x,y,z)s screen 1:cumulative 0: absolu
st
/dist,1,1/2.,1 $ /repl !1/2:distance (zoom) to object <1 nearer/larger,1:use mul
ctiplier
/focus,1 $ /repl !focus wn 1 to csys,0
/plots,wim,1,switch off win max
```

Select an Interesting Template from a Completion Window

Type **C-c C-s** to choose a template name, use the **<TAB>** key to complete or to open the completion window of available items.

VALUES ARE FOR ENTIRE COIL (NOT JUST THE MODELED SECTOR)

```
!@@@ - loads -
f,all,fx,1
flist,all
fini $ /eof
/eof --- WARNING: /eof crashes the Ansys GUI in interactive mode ---
!@@@ - inertia relief -
```

APDL window

C-c C-s

```
gong,x,7,2 ! rotational velocity about global coord. sys.
dggong,x,y,z ! rotational acceleration about global coord. sys.
l((nix)--- fontification.mac 26% L78 (Ansys)
```

Click <mouse-2> on a completion to select it.
In this buffer, type RET to select the completion near point.

Completion window

Possible completions are:

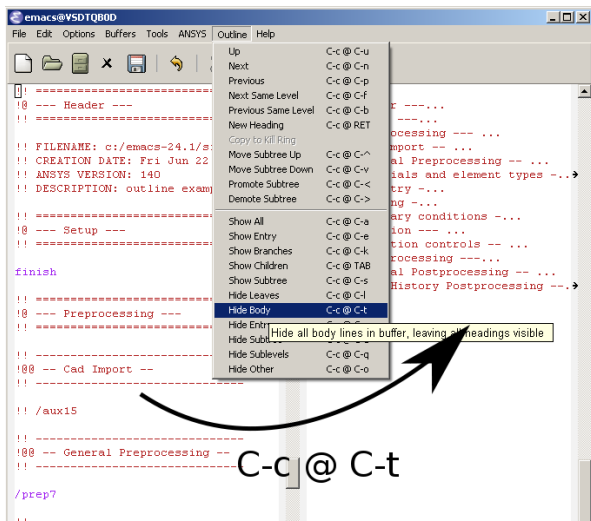
ansys-skeleton-array	ansys-skeleton-bc
ansys-skeleton-buckling	ansys-skeleton-compilation
ansys-skeleton-configuration	ansys-skeleton-contact-definition
ansys-skeleton-contact-rigid	ansys-skeleton-contact-template
ansys-skeleton-coordinates	ansys-skeleton-element-definition
ansys-skeleton-element-table	ansys-skeleton-expand
ansys-skeleton-function	ansys-skeleton-geometry
ansys-skeleton-header	ansys-skeleton-import
ansys-skeleton-information	ansys-skeleton-looping
ansys-skeleton-material-definition	ansys-skeleton-meshing
ansys-skeleton-multi-plot	ansys-skeleton-numbering-controls
ansys-skeleton-output-to-file	ansys-skeleton-path-plot
ansys-skeleton-post1	ansys-skeleton-post26
ansys-skeleton-select	ansys-skeleton-solve
ansys-skeleton-structural-template	ansys-skeleton-symbols
ansys-skeleton-view-settings	ansys-skeleton-working-plane

<TAB>

1\%*- *Completions* All L1 (Completion List)

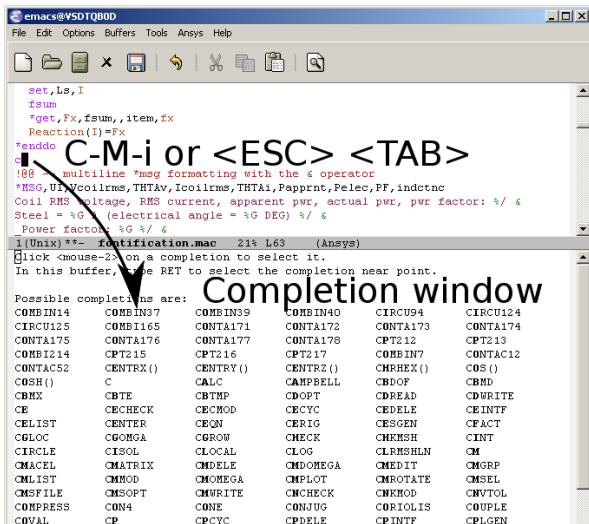
Check Auto-Insertion and Outline Your Code (Tree View)

Create a new APDL file with the suffix `.mac` and let Emacs auto-insert a skeleton with 'outline' headings. Collapse and cycle through "tree views" with `<SHIFT>+<TAB>` (Emacs 28).



Utilise completions of all (~2000) APDL symbols

Move the cursor behind a character - here 'c' - or word fragment and type <ESC> <TAB> or C-M-i for completing up to date APDL command-, element- and function names.



```
emacs@VSDTQB0D
File Edit Options Buffers Tools Ansys Help

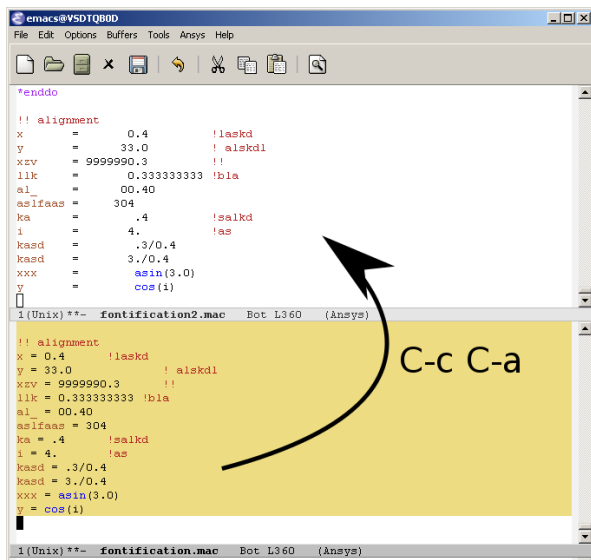
set,ls,I
fsum
*get,Fx,fsum,,item,fx
Reaction(I)=Fx
*enddo
c
!@@ = multiline *msg formatting with the & operator
*MSG,UI,/coilrms,THTAv,Icoilrms,THTA1,Pappnt,Pelec,PF,indctnc
Coil RMS voltage, RMS current, apparent pwr, actual pwr, pwr factor: %/ &
Steel = %G (electrical angle = %G DEG) %/ &
_Power factor: %G %/ &

l(Unix)**- fontification.mac 21& L63 (Ansys)
Click <mouse-2> on a completion to select it.
In this buffer, type RET to select the completion near point.

Possible completions are:
COMBIN14 COMBIN37 COMBIN39 COMBIN40 CIRCU94 CIRCU124
CIRCU125 COMBI165 CONTA171 CONTA172 CONTA173 CONTA174
CONTA175 CONTA176 CONTA177 CONTA178 CPT12 CPT213
COMBI214 CPT215 CPT216 CPT217 COMBIN7 CONTA12
CONTA52 CENTRX () CENTRY () CENTRZ () CHRHEX () COS ()
COSH () C CALC CAMPBELL CBDOF CBMD
CBMX CBTE CBTMP CDOPT CDREAD CDWRITE
CE CECHECK CECMOD CECYC CEDELE CEINTF
CELIST CENTER CEQN CERIG CESGEN CFACT
CGLOC CGOMGA CGROW CHECK CHMESH CINT
CIRCLE CISOL CLOCAL CLOG CLRMESHN CM
CMACEL CMATRIX CMDELE CMDOMEGA CMEDIT CMGRP
CMLIST CMOD CMOMEGA CMPLOT CMROTATE CMSEL
CMSFILE CMSOPT CMWRITE CNCHECK CNRMOD CNVTOL
COMPRESS CON4 CONE CONJUG CORIOLIS COUPLE
COVAL CP CPCYC CPDELE CPINTF CPLGEN
```


Structure Your Variable Assignments

Move the cursor to a variable definition paragraph or mark, here in yellow, some definitions and type **C-c C-a** to align them.



```
emacs@VSDTQB0D
File Edit Options Buffers Tools Ansys Help

*enddo

!! alignment
x = 0.4 !laskd
y = 33.0 !alskd1
xzv = 9999990.3 !!
llk = 0.333333333 !bla
al_ = 00.40
aslfaas = 304
ka = .4 !salkd
i = 4. !as
kasd = .3/0.4
kasd = 3./0.4
xxx = asin(3.0)
y = cos(i)

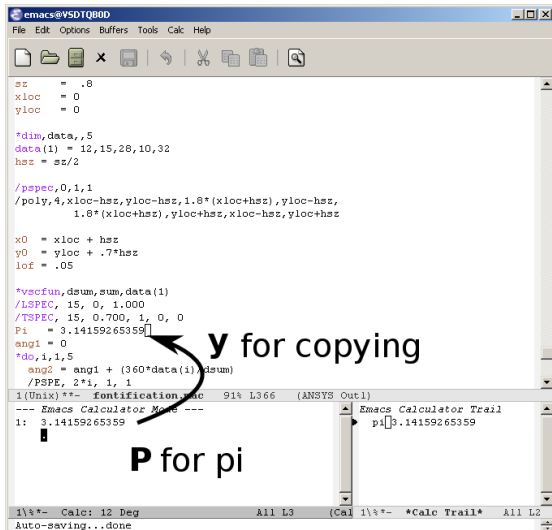
1(Unix) *- fontification2.mac Bot L360 (Ansys)

!! alignment
x = 0.4 !laskd
y = 33.0 !alskd1
xzv = 9999990.3 !!
llk = 0.333333333 !bla
al_ = 00.40
aslfaas = 304
ka = .4 !salkd
i = 4. !as
kasd = .3/0.4
kasd = 3./0.4
xxx = asin(3.0)
y = cos(i)

1(Unix) *- fontification2.mac Bot L360 (Ansys)
```

Use the Emacs Integrated, Programmable RPN Calculator

Type C-x * * to open the calculator, type y for pasting results directly into the APDL file. And q to quit the 'Calc' windows.



```
emacs@VSDT0800
File Edit Options Buffers Tools Calc Help

sz = .8
xloc = 0
yloc = 0

*dim,data,,5
data(1) = 12,15,28,10,32
hsz = sz/2

/pspec,0,1,1
/poly,4,xloc-hsz,yloc-hsz,1.8*(xloc+hsz),yloc-hsz,
1.8*(xloc+hsz),yloc+hsz,xloc-hsz,yloc+hsz

x0 = xloc + hsz
y0 = yloc + .7*hsz
lof = .05

*vscfun,dsum,sum,data(1)
/LSPEC, 15, 0, 1.000
/TSPEC, 15, 0.700, 1, 0, 0
Pi = 3.14159265359
ang1 = 0
*do,1,1,5
  ang2 = ang1 + (360*data(i))/dsum
/PSPE, 2*1, 1, 1

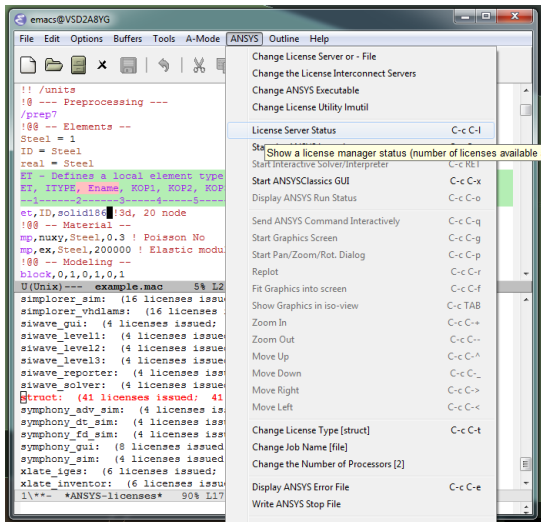
1(Unix) *- fontification enc 91% L366 (ANSYS Out1)
--- Emacs Calculator Mode ---
1: 3.14159265359

Emacs Calculator Trail
p1]3.14159265359

1\% *- Calc: 12 Deg All L3 [Cal 1\% *- *Calc Trail* All L2
Auto-saving...done
```

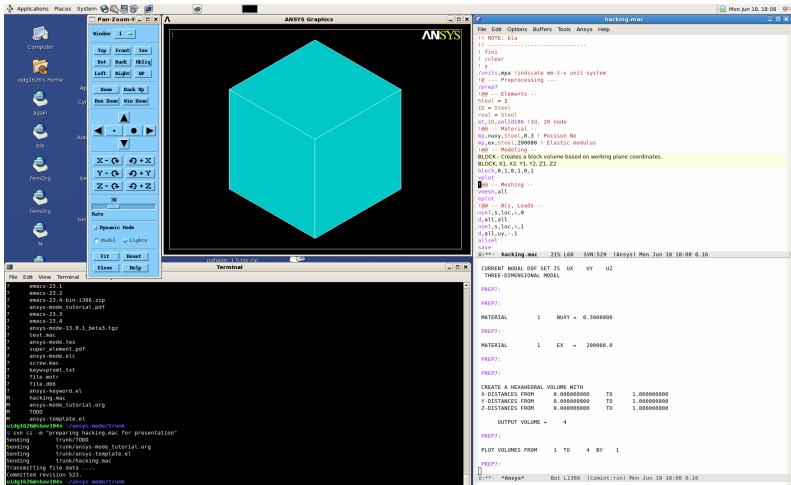
Display the License Status and Preview Images

In Emacs' lower-half you see the license status (C-c C-l). All described features can be executed through the APDL-Mode menu or with keyboard shortcuts.



Debug Your Code Interactively with the Solver (GNU-Linux)

You can run the Ansys solver under Emacs and send code lines from above APDL window with **C-c C-j** (**C-c C-c** for whole regions) directly to this process. Below you see the **interactive** solver output and on the left hand side the corresponding Ansys images.



The screenshot displays a GNU/Linux desktop environment with three main windows:

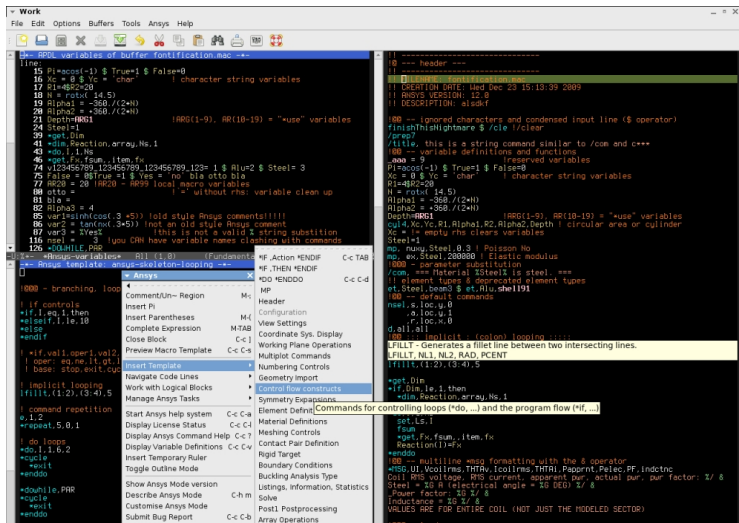
- ANSYS Graphics:** Shows a 3D model of a hexagonal prism (a hexagonal block) rendered in cyan. The ANSYS logo is visible in the top right corner of the window.
- Emacs Editor:** Displays the APDL input file. The following code is visible:

```
!! NOTE: bla
!! -----
!! FILE
!! /CLEAR
!! /
!! /units,mpa !indicate mm-t-s unit system
!! /pplot
!! /prep7
!! /! Elements --
Steel = 1
ID = Steel
real = Steel
et,20,solid200,130,20,nod
!! /! Material --
mp,many,Steel,0.2 ! Poisson No
mp,ex,Steel,200000 ! Elastic modulus
!! /! Modeling --
BLOCK,CREATE a block volume based on working plane coordinates.
BLOCK,K1,K2,Y1,Y2,Z1,Z2
block,0,1,0,1,0,1
select
!! /! Meshing --
mesh,all
outlet
!! /! BCs, Loads --
mpol,s,loc,r,0
d,all,all
mpol,s,loc,r,1
d,all,ey,-1
allout
save
```
- Terminal:** Shows the output of the Ansys solver. The output includes:

```
CURRENT MODAL DEF SET IS UK UY UZ
THREE-DIMENSIONAL MODEL
PREP7:
MATERIAL 1 MKEY = 0.3000000
PREP7:
MATERIAL 1 EX = 200000.0
PREP7:
PREP7:
CREATE A HEXAHEDRAL VOLUME WITH
X-DISTANCES FROM 0.00000000 TO 1.00000000
Y-DISTANCES FROM 0.00000000 TO 1.00000000
Z-DISTANCES FROM 0.00000000 TO 1.00000000
OUTPUT VOLUME = 4
PREP7:
PLOT VOLUMES FROM 1 TO 4 BY 1
PREP7:
```

Arrange the APDL-Mode Windows to Your Needs

The image shows an Emacs 23.2 frame (in reversed colour mode and compiled with the GTK+ toolkit under GNU-Linux) with a ripped off APDL-Mode menu field

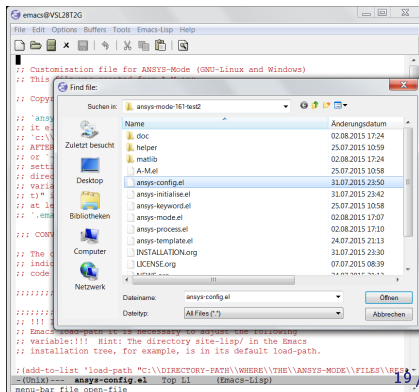
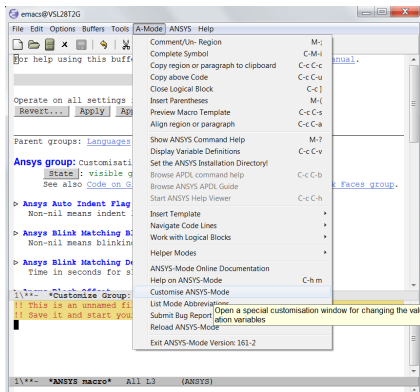


Configure User Options and System Dependent Aspects

Please check the mode settings with Emacs' customisation system (no programming necessary) use the menu and

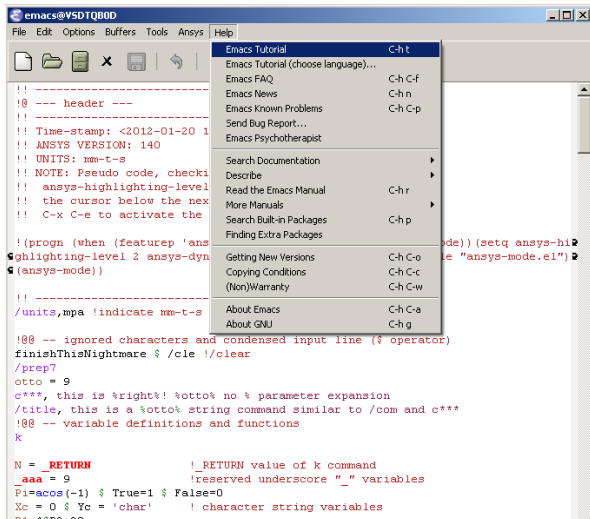
modify settings with Emacs' customisation system

or check the well commented file *apdl-config.el*



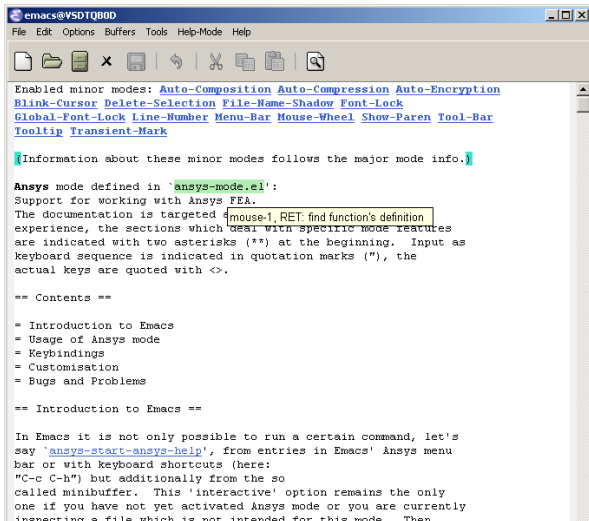
Get to Know Emacs and Its Excellent Documentation

Newcomers to Emacs should take the [guided online tour](#) to get a background of its capabilities and fire up the interactive tutorial (**C-h t**) which is translated to various languages.

A screenshot of the Emacs editor window titled 'emacs@VSDTQB0D'. The 'Help' menu is open, showing the 'Emacs Tutorial' option selected. The menu items include: Emacs Tutorial (choose language)... (C-h t), Emacs FAQ (C-h C-f), Emacs News (C-h n), Emacs Known Problems (C-h C-p), Send Bug Report..., Emacs Psychotherapist, Search Documentation, Describe, Read the Emacs Manual (C-h r), More Manuals, Search Built-in Packages (C-h p), Finding Extra Packages, Getting New Versions (C-h C-o), Copying Conditions (C-h C-c), (Non)Warranty (C-h C-w), About Emacs (C-h C-a), and About GNU (C-h g). The background shows Emacs Lisp code with red and blue syntax highlighting. The code includes comments like '!! --- header ---', '!! Time-stamp: <2012-01-20 1', '!! ANSYS VERSION: 140', '!! UNITS: mm-t-s', '!! NOTE: Pseudo code, checki', '!! ansys-highlighting-level', '!! the cursor below the nex', '!! C-x C-e to activate the', '!(progn (when (featurep 'ans', 'ghighlighting-level 2 ansys-dyn', '(ansys-mode))', '!! ---', '/units,mpa !indicate mm-t-s', '!!@ -- ignored characters and condensed input line (\$ operator)', 'finishThisNightmare \$ /cle !/clear', '/prep7', 'otto = 9', 'c***, this is %right%! %otto% no % parameter expansion', '/title, this is a %otto% string command similar to /com and c***', '!!@ -- variable definitions and functions', 'k', 'N = _RETURN', 'aaa = 9', 'Pi=acos(-1) \$ True=1 \$ False=0', 'Xc = 0 \$ Yc = 'char'', 'nc=120,00'.

Use the APDL-Mode Built-in Help

Please type **C-c C-h** for the mode manual (there is also a brief introduction of basic Emacs concepts) and **C-h m**, especially for APDL-Mode's keybindings.



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emacs@VSDTQB0D
File Edit Options Buffers Tools Help-Mode Help

Enabled minor modes: Auto-Composition Auto-Compression Auto-Encryption
Blink-Cursor Delete-Selection File-Name-Shadow Font-Lock
Global-Font-Lock Line-Number Menu-Bar Mouse-Wheel Show-Paren Tool-Bar
Tooltip Transient-Mark

[Information about these minor modes follows the major mode info.]

Ansys mode defined in `ansys-mode.el':
Support for working with Ansys FEA.
The documentation is targeted at mouse-1, RET: find function's definition
experience, the sections which deal with specific mode features
are indicated with two asterisks (**) at the beginning. Input as
keyboard sequence is indicated in quotation marks ("), the
actual keys are quoted with <>.

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== Introduction to Emacs ==

In Emacs it is not only possible to run a certain command, let's
say `ansys-start-ansys-help', from entries in Emacs' Ansys menu
bar or with keyboard shortcuts (here:
"C-c C-h") but additionally from the so
called minibuffer. This 'interactive' option remains the only
one if you have not yet activated Ansys mode or you are currently
inspecting a file which is not intended for this mode. Then
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You Might Read Further APDL-Mode Documentation

Licensing and costs: This is free and open software, there are **no costs** and effectively **no restrictions** for you using Emacs and APDL-Mode - even - commercially. Both are under the **GPL, the Gnu Public License** copied in the *LICENSE.org* file.

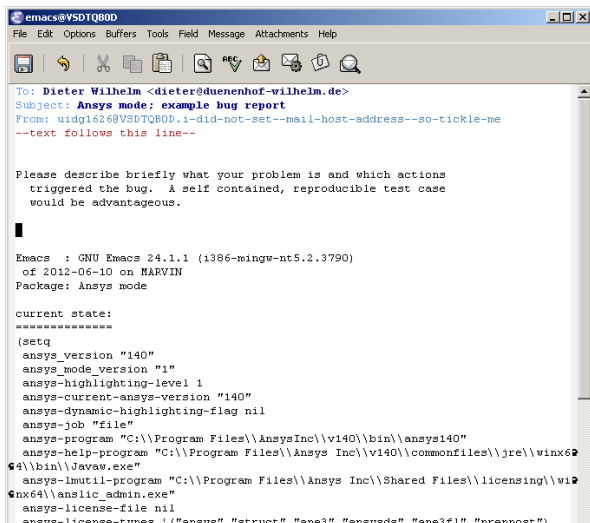
Configuration: More detailed instructions might be necessary if you are not using default *Ansys* installations. Please have a look in the *INSTALLATION.org* file. The online documentation is at **APDL-Modes's documentation site**.

Hands-on tutorial and reference: You will find these in-depth documentation included in the mode's archives on **GitHub's releases page** or read **online**.

News and project history: They are placed in the mode's accompanying *NEWS.org* file

Search for Help, Report Bugs and Issues

Besides the documentation, have a look in the [GitHub's issues site](#) or send an [email to the maintainer](#). Please use the APDL-Mode bug report functionality, which might provide helpful status information.



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emacs@VSDTQB0D
File Edit Options Buffers Tools Field Message Attachments Help

To: Dieter Wilhelm <dieter@duenenhof-wilhelm.de>
Subject: Ansys mode; example bug report
From: uidg1626@VSDTQB0D.i-did-not-set--mail-host-address--so-tickle-me
--text follows this line--

Please describe briefly what your problem is and which actions
triggered the bug. A self contained, reproducible test case
would be advantageous.

Emacs : GNU Emacs 24.1.1 (i386-mingw-nt5.2.3790)
of 2012-06-10 on MARVIN
Package: Ansys mode

current state:
=====
(setq
 ansys_version "140"
 ansys_mode_version "1"
 ansys-highlighting-level 1
 ansys-current-ansys-version "140"
 ansys-dynamic-highlighting-flag nil
 ansys-job "file"
 ansys-program "C:\\Program Files\\AnsysInc\\v140\\bin\\ansys140"
 ansys-help-program "C:\\Program Files\\Ansys Inc\\v140\\commonfiles\\jre\\winx6
4\\bin\\Javaw.exe"
 ansys-lmut11-program "C:\\Program Files\\Ansys Inc\\Shared Files\\licensing\\wi
nx64\\anslic_admin.exe"
 ansys-license-file nil
 ansys-license-times '(("ansys" "struct" "ans3" "ansvds" "ans3fl" "prepost")
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Use APDL-Mode Appropriate to Your Needs

The relevance of APDL remains: 'WorkBench' and 'AIM' operate **exclusively** the Ansys solver with it! For a **true understanding** the study of APDL is **prerequisite**. Furthermore, code APDL only for **repetitive** tasks or WB/AIM snippets.

Basic APDL Viewer

Navigating in WB solver input files, discerning relevant information through highlighting, quickly analysing APDL commands with the built-in help or pin-pointing the reference help in a browser.

Earnest APDL Editor

Specific shortcut keybindings, outlining, code templates, completions, auto-indentation, abbreviations, auto-insertion.

Advanced APDL Environment

Solver communication/feedback - hybrid between coding and debugging (GNU-Linux only), retrieving license states, error file viewing, abort file handling, extending APDL templates, ...

Last Slide of the APDL-Mode Tutorial

Hint for the curious:

