

Screen VT100/ANSI Terminal Emulator Cheat Sheet

Default Keyboard Shortcuts

Shortcut	Command	Description
C-a ' 	select	Prompt for a window name or number to switch to.
C-a " 	windowlist -b	Present a list of all windows for selection.
C-a 0...9 	select 0...select 9	Switch to window number 0...9.
C-a - 	select -	Switch to the blank window.
C-a [TAB] 	focus	Switch the input focus to the next region.
C-a C-a 	other	Toggle to the window displayed previously.
C-a a 	meta	Send the command character (C-a) to window.
C-a A 	title	Allow the user to enter a name for the current window.
C-a b C-a C-b 	break	Send a break to window.
C-a B 	pow_break	Reopen the terminal line and send a break.
C-a c C-a C-c 	screen	Create a new window with a shell and switch to that window.
C-a C 	clear	Clear the screen.
C-a d C-a C-d 	detach	Detach screen from this terminal.
C-a D D 	pow_detach	Detach and logout.
C-a f C-a C-f 	flow	Toggle flow on, off or auto.
C-a F 	fit	Resize the window to the current region size.
C-a C-g 	vbell	Toggles screen's visual bell mode.
C-a h 	hardcopy	Write a hardcopy of the current window to the file "hardcopy.n".
C-a H 	log	Begins/ends logging of the current window to the file "screen-log.n".
C-a i C-a C-i 	info	Show info about this window.
C-a k C-a C-k 	kill	Destroy current window.
C-a l C-a C-l 	redisplay	Fully refresh current window.
C-a L 	login	Toggle this windows login slot. Available only if screen is configured to update the utmp database.
C-a m C-a C-m 	lastmsg	Repeat the last message displayed in the message line.
C-a M 	monitor	Toggles monitoring of the current window.
C-a [space] C-a n C-a C-n 	next	Switch to the next window.
C-a N 	number	Show the number (and title) of the current window.
C-a [back-space] C-a h C-a p C-a C-p 	prev	Switch to the previous window (opposite of C-a n).

Shortcut	Command	Description
C-a q C-a C-q	xon	Send a control-q to the current window.
C-a Q	only	Delete all regions but the current one.
C-a r C-a C-r	wrap	Toggle the current window's line-wrap setting (turn the current window's automatic margins on and off).
C-a s C-a C-s	xoff	Send a control-s to the current window.
C-a S	split	Split the current region into two new ones.
C-a t C-a C-t	time	Show system information.
C-a v	version	Display the version and compilation date.
C-a C-v	digraph	Enter digraph.
C-a w C-a C-w	windows	Show a list of window.
C-a W	width	Toggle 80/132 columns.
C-a x C-a C-x	lockscreen	Lock this terminal.
C-a X	remove	Kill the current region.
C-a z C-a C-z	suspend	Suspend screen. Your system must support BSD-style job-control.
C-a Z	reset	Reset the virtual terminal to its "power-on" values.
C-a .	dumftermcap	Write out a ".termcap" file.
C-a ?	help	Show key bindings.
C-a C-\	quit	Kill all windows and terminate screen.
C-a :	colon	Enter command line mode.
C-a [C-a C-[C-a [ESC]	copy	Enter copy/scrollback mode.
C-a]	paste .	Write the contents of the paste buffer to the stdin queue of the current window.
C-a { C-a }	history	Copy and paste a previous (command) line.
C-a >	writebuf	Write paste buffer to a file.
C-a <	readbuf	Reads the screen-exchange file into the paste buffer.
C-a =	removebuf	Removes the file used by C-a < and C-a > .
C-a ,	license	Shows where screen comes from, where it went to and why you can use it.
C-a _	silence	Start/stop monitoring the current window for inactivity.
C-a *	displays	Show a listing of all currently attached displays.