

Key Tmux Shortcuts and Commands to Know



General

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| ¹Ctrl+b | Default prefix key |
| t | Show time (ESC returns to the terminal) |
| : | Enter a command (Example: ":new-session") |
| list-commands | List all commands that tmux supports |

Tmux Terms

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| Pane | An open command prompt (or pseudo-terminal). Panes may appear side by side or vertically stacked inside a window. |
| Window | Your view of open panes |
| Session | A set of open windows |
| Client | The background process that displays your session |
| Server | A single server manages all open sessions (Servers and clients are separate processes that each communicate through a socket in /tmp.) |

Creating and Managing Panes

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| % | Split screen or pane in half vertically, creating a new pane on the right |
| " | Split screen or pane in half horizontally, creating a new pane at the bottom |
| <arrow key> | Switch to the adjacent pane |
| o | Switch to the next pane |
| q | Show pane numbers (when numbers appear, press number to switch to that pane) |
| { | Move current pane to the left |
| } | Move current pane to the right |
| x | Close the current pane |
| Ctrl+<arrow key> | Resize pane in steps of one cell |
| Alt+<arrow key> | Resize pane in steps of five cells |
| Alt+1 | Arrange panes in the even-horizontal preset layout |
| Alt+2 | Arrange panes in the even-vertical preset layout |
| Alt+3 | Arrange panes in the main-horizontal preset layout |
| Alt+4 | Arrange panes in the main-vertical preset layout |
| Alt+5 | Arrange panes in the tiled preset layout |

Creating and Managing Windows

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| c | Create a new window |
| ! | Detach pane into a new window |
| n | Switch to the previous window (in order of creation) |
| p | Switch to the next window (in order of creation) |
| l | Switch to the window used most recently |
| w | List all windows and their corresponding numbers |
| <window number> | Switch to the corresponding window |
| , | Rename current window |
| i | Display info about the current window |
| f | Search for text in open windows (ESC exits the search) |

Creating and Managing Sessions

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| new-session | Create a new session |
| \$ | Rename current session |
| list-sessions | List open sessions |
| attach-session | Create a new client and attach it to the specified session (-t target-session) |
| detach-client -s target-session | Detach clients attached to the current session |
| kill-session | Destroy the current or specified session |

¹To activate a shortcut, you must first press and release the prefix key, then press the shortcut key.