

:mod:`curses` --- Terminal handling for character-cell displays

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```
.. module:: curses
   :synopsis: An interface to the curses library, providing portable
             terminal handling.
   :platform: Unix
```

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```

The `:mod:`curses`` module provides an interface to the curses library, the de-facto standard for portable advanced terminal handling.

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While curses is most widely used in the Unix environment, versions are available for Windows, DOS, and possibly other systems as well. This extension module is designed to match the API of ncurses, an open-source curses library hosted on Linux and the BSD variants of Unix.

Note

Whenever the documentation mentions a *character* it can be specified as an integer, a one-character Unicode string or a one-byte byte string.

Whenever the documentation mentions a *character string* it can be specified as a Unicode string or a byte string.

Note

Since version 5.4, the ncurses library decides how to interpret non-ASCII data using the `nl_langinfo` function. That means that you have to call `:func:`locale.setlocale`` in the application and encode Unicode strings using one of the system's available encodings. This example uses the system's default encoding:

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```
import locale
locale.setlocale(locale.LC_ALL, '')
code = locale.getpreferredencoding()
```

Then use `code` as the encoding for `:meth:`str.encode`` calls.

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```
.. seealso::

    Module :mod:`curses.ascii`
        Utilities for working with ASCII characters, regardless of your locale settings.

    Module :mod:`curses.panel`
        A panel stack extension that adds depth to  curses windows.

    Module :mod:`curses.textpad`
        Editable text widget for curses supporting  :program:`Emacs` \ -like bindings.

    :ref:`curses-howto`
        Tutorial material on using curses with Python, by Andrew Kuchling and Eric
        Raymond.

    The :source:`Tools/demo/` directory in the Python source distribution contains
    some example programs using the curses bindings provided by this module.
```

Functions

The module `mod:`curses`` defines the following exception:

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```
.. exception:: error

    Exception raised when a curses library function returns an error.
```

Note

Whenever *x* or *y* arguments to a function or a method are optional, they default to the current cursor location. Whenever *attr* is optional, it defaults to `:const:`A_NORMAL``.

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The module `mod:`curses`` defines the following functions:

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```
.. function:: baudrate()

    Return the output speed of the terminal in bits per second.  On software
    terminal emulators it will have a fixed high value.  Included for historical
    reasons; in former times, it was used to  write output loops for time delays and
    occasionally to change interfaces depending on the line speed.
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```
.. function:: beep()

    Emit a short attention sound.
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```
.. function:: can_change_color()

    Return ``True`` or ``False``, depending on whether the programmer can change the colors
    displayed by the terminal.
```

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```
.. function:: cbreak()

    Enter cbreak mode. In cbreak mode (sometimes called "rare" mode) normal tty
    line buffering is turned off and characters are available to be read one by one.
    However, unlike raw mode, special characters (interrupt, quit, suspend, and flow
    control) retain their effects on the tty driver and calling program. Calling
    first :func:`raw` then :func:`cbreak` leaves the terminal in cbreak mode.
```

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```
.. function:: color_content(color_number)

    Return the intensity of the red, green, and blue (RGB) components in the color
    *color_number*, which must be between ``0`` and ``COLORS - 1``. Return a 3-tuple,
    containing the R,G,B values for the given color, which will be between
    ``0`` (no component) and ``1000`` (maximum amount of component).
```

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```
.. function:: color_pair(pair_number)

    Return the attribute value for displaying text in the specified color pair.
    Only the first 256 color pairs are supported. This
    attribute value can be combined with :const:`A_STANDOUT`, :const:`A_REVERSE`,
    and the other :const:`A_` attributes. :func:`pair_number` is the counterpart
    to this function.
```

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```
.. function:: curs_set(visibility)

    Set the cursor state. *visibility* can be set to ``0``, ``1``, or ``2``, for invisible,
    normal, or very visible. If the terminal supports the visibility requested, return the
    previous cursor state; otherwise raise an exception. On many
    terminals, the "visible" mode is an underline cursor and the "very visible" mode
    is a block cursor.
```

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```
.. function:: def_prog_mode()

    Save the current terminal mode as the "program" mode, the mode when the running
    program is using curses. (Its counterpart is the "shell" mode, for when the
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program is not in curses.) Subsequent calls to `:func:`reset_prog_mode`` will restore this mode.

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```
.. function:: def_shell_mode()
```

Save the current terminal mode as the "shell" mode, the mode when the running program is not using curses. (Its counterpart is the "program" mode, when the program is using curses capabilities.) Subsequent calls to `:func:`reset_shell_mode`` will restore this mode.

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```
.. function:: delay_output(ms)
```

Insert an `*ms*` millisecond pause in output.

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```
.. function:: doupdate()
```

Update the physical screen. The curses library keeps two data structures, one representing the current physical screen contents and a virtual screen representing the desired next state. The `:func:`doupdate`` ground updates the physical screen to match the virtual screen.

The virtual screen may be updated by a `:meth:`~window.noutrefresh`` call after write operations such as `:meth:`~window.addstr`` have been performed on a window. The normal `:meth:`~window.refresh`` call is simply `:meth:`~!noutrefresh`` followed by `:func:`~!doupdate``; if you have to update multiple windows, you can speed performance and perhaps reduce screen flicker by issuing `:meth:`~!noutrefresh`` calls on all windows, followed by a single `:func:`~!doupdate``.

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```
.. function:: echo()
```

Enter echo mode. In echo mode, each character input is echoed to the screen as it is entered.

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```
.. function:: endwin()
```

De-initialize the library, and return terminal to normal status.

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```
.. function:: erasechar()
```

Return the user's current erase character as a one-byte bytes object. Under Unix operating systems this is a property of the controlling tty of the curses program, and is not set by the curses library itself.

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```
.. function:: filter()
```

The `:func:filter` routine, if used, must be called before `:func:initscr` is called. The effect is that, during those calls, `:envvar: LINES` is set to `1`; the capabilities `clear`, `cup`, `cud`, `cudl`, `cuul`, `cuu`, `vpa` are disabled; and the string is set to the value of `cr`. The effect is that the cursor is confined to the current line, and so are screen updates. This may be used for enabling character-at-a-time line editing without touching the rest of the screen.

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```
.. function:: flash()
```

Flash the screen. That is, change it to reverse-video and then change it back in a short interval. Some people prefer such as 'visible bell' to the audible attention signal produced by `:func:beep`.

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```
.. function:: flushingp()
```

Flush all input buffers. This throws away any typeahead that has been typed by the user and has not yet been processed by the program.

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```
.. function:: getmouse()
```

After `:meth:~window.getch` returns `:const: KEY_MOUSE` to signal a mouse event, this method should be called to retrieve the queued mouse event, represented as a 5-tuple `((id, x, y, z, bstate))`. `*id*` is an ID value used to distinguish multiple devices, and `*x*`, `*y*`, `*z*` are the event's coordinates. (`*z*` is currently unused.) `*bstate*` is an integer value whose bits will be set to indicate the type of event, and will be the bitwise OR of one or more of the following constants, where `*n*` is the button number from 1 to 5: `:const: BUTTONn_PRESSED`, `:const: BUTTONn_RELEASED`, `:const: BUTTONn_CLICKED`, `:const: BUTTONn_DOUBLE_CLICKED`, `:const: BUTTONn_TRIPLE_CLICKED`, `:const: BUTTONn_SHIFT`, `:const: BUTTONn_CTRL`, `:const: BUTTONn_ALT`.

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.10
```

The `BUTTON5_*` constants are now exposed if they are provided by the underlying curses library.

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```
.. function:: getsyx()
```

Return the current coordinates of the virtual screen cursor as a tuple `((y, x))`. If `:meth:leaveok <window.leaveok>` is currently `True`, then return `((-1, -1))`.

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```
.. function:: getwin(file)
```

Read window related data stored in the file by an earlier `:func:putwin` call. The routine then creates and initializes a new window using that data, returning the new window object.

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```
.. function:: has_colors()

    Return ``True`` if the terminal can display colors; otherwise, return ``False``.
```

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```
.. function:: has_extended_color_support()

    Return ``True`` if the module supports extended colors; otherwise, return
    ``False``. Extended color support allows more than 256 color pairs for
    terminals that support more than 16 colors (e.g. xterm-256color).

    Extended color support requires ncurses version 6.1 or later.

    .. versionadded:: 3.10
```

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```
.. function:: has_ic()

    Return ``True`` if the terminal has insert- and delete-character capabilities.
    This function is included for historical reasons only, as all modern software
    terminal emulators have such capabilities.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: has_il()

    Return ``True`` if the terminal has insert- and delete-line capabilities, or can
    simulate them using scrolling regions. This function is included for
    historical reasons only, as all modern software terminal emulators have such
    capabilities.
```

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```
.. function:: has_key(ch)

    Take a key value *ch*, and return ``True`` if the current terminal type recognizes
    a key with that value.
```

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```
.. function:: halfdelay(tenths)

    Used for half-delay mode, which is similar to cbreak mode in that characters
    typed by the user are immediately available to the program. However, after
    blocking for *tenths* tenths of seconds, raise an exception if nothing has
    been typed. The value of *tenths* must be a number between ``1`` and ``255``. Use
    :func:`nocbreak` to leave half-delay mode.
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: init_color(color_number, r, g, b)
```

Change the definition of a color, taking the number of the color to be changed followed by three RGB values (for the amounts of red, green, and blue components). The value of `*color_number*` must be between `0` and `COLORS - 1`. Each of `*r*`, `*g*`, `*b*`, must be a value between `0` and `1000`. When `:func: init_color` is used, all occurrences of that color on the screen immediately change to the new definition. This function is a no-op on most terminals; it is active only if `:func: can_change_color` returns `True`.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: init_pair(pair_number, fg, bg)
```

Change the definition of a color-pair. It takes three arguments: the number of the color-pair to be changed, the foreground color number, and the background color number. The value of `*pair_number*` must be between `1` and `COLOR_PAIRS - 1` (the `0` color pair is wired to white on black and cannot be changed). The value of `*fg*` and `*bg*` arguments must be between `0` and `COLORS - 1`, or, after calling `:func: use_default_colors`, `-1`. If the color-pair was previously initialized, the screen is refreshed and all occurrences of that color-pair are changed to the new definition.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: initscr()
```

Initialize the library. Return a `:ref: window <curses-window-objects>` object which represents the whole screen.

```
.. note::
```

If there is an error opening the terminal, the underlying curses library may cause the interpreter to exit.

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```
.. function:: is_term_resized(nlines, ncols)
```

Return `True` if `:func: resize_term` would modify the window structure, `False` otherwise.

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```
.. function:: isendwin()
```

Return `True` if `:func: endwin` has been called (that is, the curses library has been deinitialized).

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: keyname(k)
```

Return the name of the key numbered `*k*` as a bytes object. The name of a key generating printable ASCII character is the key's character. The name of a control-key combination is a two-byte bytes object consisting of a caret (`'^'`) followed by the corresponding printable ASCII character. The name of an alt-key combination (128--255) is a bytes object consisting of the prefix `'M-'` followed by the name of the corresponding ASCII character.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: killchar()
```

Return the user's current line kill character as a one-byte bytes object. Under Unix operating systems this is a property of the controlling tty of the curses program, and is not set by the curses library itself.

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```
.. function:: longname()
```

Return a bytes object containing the terminfo long name field describing the current terminal. The maximum length of a verbose description is 128 characters. It is defined only after the call to :func:`initscr`.

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```
.. function:: meta(flag)
```

If **flag** is ``True``, allow 8-bit characters to be input. If **flag** is ``False``, allow only 7-bit chars.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: mouseinterval(interval)
```

Set the maximum time in milliseconds that can elapse between press and release events in order for them to be recognized as a click, and return the previous interval value. The default value is 200 milliseconds, or one fifth of a second.

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```
.. function:: mousemask(mousemask)
```

Set the mouse events to be reported, and return a tuple ``(availmask, oldmask)``. **availmask** indicates which of the specified mouse events can be reported; on complete failure it returns ``0``. **oldmask** is the previous value of the given window's mouse event mask. If this function is never called, no mouse events are ever reported.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: napms(ms)
```

Sleep for **ms** milliseconds.

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Unknown directive type "function".


```
.. function:: newpad(nlines, ncols)
```

Create and return a pointer to a new pad data structure with the given number of lines and columns. Return a pad as a window object.

A pad is like a window, except that it is not restricted by the screen size, and is not necessarily associated with a particular part of the screen. Pads can be used when a large window is needed, and only a part of the window will be on the screen at one time. Automatic refreshes of pads (such as from scrolling or echoing of input) do not occur. The :meth:`~window.refresh` and :meth:`~window.noutrefresh` methods of a pad require 6 arguments to specify the part of the pad to be displayed and the location on the screen to be used for the display. The arguments are *pminrow*, *pmincol*, *sminrow*, *smincol*, *smaxrow*, *smaxcol*; the *p* arguments refer to the upper left corner of the pad region to be displayed and the *s* arguments define a clipping box on the screen within which the pad region is to be displayed.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: newwin(nlines, ncols)
               newwin(nlines, ncols, begin_y, begin_x)
```

Return a new :ref:`window <curses-window-objects>`, whose left-upper corner is at ``(begin_y, begin_x)``, and whose height/width is *nlines*/*ncols*.

By default, the window will extend from the specified position to the lower right corner of the screen.

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```
.. function:: nl()
```

Enter newline mode. This mode translates the return key into newline on input, and translates newline into return and line-feed on output. Newline mode is initially on.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: nocbreak()
```

Leave cbreak mode. Return to normal "cooked" mode with line buffering.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: noecho()
```

Leave echo mode. Echoing of input characters is turned off.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: nonl()
```

Leave newline mode. Disable translation of return into newline on input, and disable low-level translation of newline into newline/return on output (but this does not change the behavior of ``addch('\n')``, which always does the equivalent of return and line feed on the virtual screen). With translation off, curses can sometimes speed up vertical motion a little; also, it will be able to detect the return key on input.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: noqiflush()
```

When the `:func:`noqiflush`` routine is used, normal flush of input and output queues associated with the `INTR`, `QUIT` and `SUSP` characters will not be done. You may want to call `:func:`noqiflush`` in a signal handler if you want output to continue as though the interrupt had not occurred, after the handler exits.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: noraw()
```

Leave raw mode. Return to normal "cooked" mode with line buffering.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: pair_content(pair_number)
```

Return a tuple `(fg, bg)` containing the colors for the requested color pair. The value of `*pair_number*` must be between `0` and `COLOR_PAIRS - 1`.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 462)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: pair_number(attr)
```

Return the number of the color-pair set by the attribute value `*attr*`. `:func:`color_pair`` is the counterpart to this function.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 468)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: putp(str)
```

Equivalent to `tputs(str, 1, putchar)`; emit the value of a specified terminfo capability for the current terminal. Note that the output of `:func:`putp`` always goes to standard output.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 475)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: qiflush([flag])
```

If `*flag*` is `False`, the effect is the same as calling `:func:`noqiflush``. If `*flag*` is `True`, or no argument is provided, the queues will be flushed when these control characters are read.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 482)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: raw()
```

Enter raw mode. In raw mode, normal line buffering and processing of interrupt, quit, suspend, and flow control keys are turned off; characters are presented to curses input functions one by one.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 489)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: reset_prog_mode()
```

Restore the terminal to "program" mode, as previously saved by
:func:`def_prog_mode`.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 495)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: reset_shell_mode()
```

Restore the terminal to "shell" mode, as previously saved by
:func:`def_shell_mode`.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 501)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: resetty()
```

Restore the state of the terminal modes to what it was at the last call to
:func:`savetty`.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 507)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: resize_term(nlines, ncols)
```

Backend function used by :func:`resizeterm`, performing most of the work; when resizing the windows, :func:`resize_term` blank-fills the areas that are extended. The calling application should fill in these areas with appropriate data. The :func:`!resize_term` function attempts to resize all windows. However, due to the calling convention of pads, it is not possible to resize these without additional interaction with the application.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 517)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: resizeterm(nlines, ncols)
```

Resize the standard and current windows to the specified dimensions, and adjusts other bookkeeping data used by the curses library that record the window dimensions (in particular the SIGWINCH handler).

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 524)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: savetty()
```

Save the current state of the terminal modes in a buffer, usable by
:func:`resetty`.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 529)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: get_escdelay()
```

Retrieves the value set by :func:`set_escdelay`.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.9
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 535)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: set_escdelay(ms)
```

Sets the number of milliseconds to wait after reading an escape character, to distinguish between an individual escape character entered on the keyboard from escape sequences sent by cursor and function keys.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.9
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 543)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: get_tabsize()
```

Retrieves the value set by :func:`set_tabsize`.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.9
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 549)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: set_tabsize(size)
```

Sets the number of columns used by the curses library when converting a tab character to spaces as it adds the tab to a window.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.9
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 556)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: setsyx(y, x)
```

Set the virtual screen cursor to *y*, *x*. If *y* and *x* are both ``-1``, then :meth:`leaveok` <window.leaveok>` is set ``True``.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 562)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: setupterm(term=None, fd=-1)
```

Initialize the terminal. *term* is a string giving the terminal name, or ``None``; if omitted or ``None``, the value of the :envvar:`TERM` environment variable will be used. *fd* is the file descriptor to which any initialization sequences will be sent; if not supplied or ``-1``, the file descriptor for ``sys.stdout`` will be used.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 571)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: start_color()
```

Must be called if the programmer wants to use colors, and before any other color manipulation routine is called. It is good practice to call this routine right after :func:`initscr`.

:func:`start_color` initializes eight basic colors (black, red, green, yellow, blue, magenta, cyan, and white), and two global variables in the :mod:`curses` module, :const:`COLORS` and :const:`COLOR_PAIRS`, containing the maximum number of colors and color-pairs the terminal can support. It also restores the colors on the terminal to the values they had when the terminal was just turned on.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 584)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: termattrs()
```

Return a logical OR of all video attributes supported by the terminal. This information is useful when a curses program needs complete control over the appearance of the screen.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 591)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: termname()
```

Return the value of the environment variable :envvar:`TERM`, as a bytes object, truncated to 14 characters.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: tigetflag(capname)
```

Return the value of the Boolean capability corresponding to the terminfo capability name *capname* as an integer. Return the value ``-1`` if *capname* is not a Boolean capability, or ``0`` if it is canceled or absent from the terminal description.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 605)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: tigetnum(capname)
```

Return the value of the numeric capability corresponding to the terminfo capability name *capname* as an integer. Return the value ``-2`` if *capname* is not a numeric capability, or ``-1`` if it is canceled or absent from the terminal description.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 613)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: tigetstr(capname)
```

Return the value of the string capability corresponding to the terminfo capability name *capname* as a bytes object. Return ``None`` if *capname* is not a terminfo "string capability", or is canceled or absent from the terminal description.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: tparm(str[, ...])
```

Instantiate the bytes object *str* with the supplied parameters, where *str* should be a parameterized string obtained from the terminfo database. E.g. ``tparm(tigetstr("cup"), 5, 3)`` could result in ``b'\033[6;4H'``, the exact result depending on terminal type.

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main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library]curses.rst, line 629)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: typeahead(fd)
```

Specify that the file descriptor **fd** be used for typeahead checking. If **fd** is ```-1```, then no typeahead checking is done.

The curses library does "line-breakout optimization" by looking for typeahead periodically while updating the screen. If input is found, and it is coming from a tty, the current update is postponed until refresh or doupdate is called again, allowing faster response to commands typed in advance. This function allows specifying a different file descriptor for typeahead checking.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: unctrl(ch)
```

Return a bytes object which is a printable representation of the character **ch**. Control characters are represented as a caret followed by the character, for example as ```b'^C'```. Printing characters are left as they are.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: ungetch(ch)
```

Push **ch** so the next `:meth:`~window.getch`` will return it.

```
.. note::
```

Only one **ch** can be pushed before `:meth:`~!getch`` is called.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: update_lines_cols()
```

Update `:envvar:`LINES`` and `:envvar:`COLS``. Useful for detecting manual screen resize.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.5
```

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: unget_wch(ch)
```

Push **ch** so the next `:meth:`~window.get_wch`` will return it.

```
.. note::
```

Only one **ch** can be pushed before `:meth:`~!get_wch`` is called.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library]curses.rst, line 675)

Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: ungetmouse(id, x, y, z, bstate)
```

Push a `:const:`KEY_MOUSE`` event onto the input queue, associating the given state data with it.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: use_env(flag)
```

If used, this function should be called before `:func:`initscr`` or `newterm` are called. When `*flag*` is `False`, the values of lines and columns specified in the terminfo database will be used, even if environment variables `:envvar:`LINES`` and `:envvar:`COLUMNS`` (used by default) are set, or if `curses` is running in a window (in which case default behavior would be to use the window size if `:envvar:`LINES`` and `:envvar:`COLUMNS`` are not set).

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: use_default_colors()
```

Allow use of default values for colors on terminals supporting this feature. Use this to support transparency in your application. The default color is assigned to the color number `-1`. After calling this function, ``init_pair(x, curses.COLOR_RED, -1)`` initializes, for instance, color pair `*x*` to a red foreground color on the default background.

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: wrapper(func, /, *args, **kwargs)
```

Initialize `curses` and call another callable object, `*func*`, which should be the rest of your `curses`-using application. If the application raises an exception, this function will restore the terminal to a sane state before re-raising the exception and generating a traceback. The callable object `*func*` is then passed the main window `'stdscr'` as its first argument, followed by any other arguments passed to `:func:`!wrapper``. Before calling `*func*`, `:func:`!wrapper`` turns on `cbreak` mode, turns off `echo`, enables the terminal keypad, and initializes colors if the terminal has color support. On exit (whether normally or by exception) it restores cooked mode, turns on `echo`, and disables the terminal keypad.

Window Objects

Window objects, as returned by `:func:`initscr`` and `:func:`newwin`` above, have the following methods and attributes:

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Unknown interpreted text role "func".

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Unknown interpreted text role "func".

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.addch(ch[, attr])
           window.addch(y, x, ch[, attr])
```

Paint character `*ch*` at `[(y, x)]` with attributes `*attr*`, overwriting any character previously painted at that location. By default, the character position and attributes are the current settings for the window object.

```
.. note::
```

Writing outside the window, subwindow, or `pad` raises a `:exc:`curses.error``. Attempting to write to the lower right corner of a window, subwindow, or `pad` will cause an exception to be raised after the character is printed.

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main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 736)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.addnstr(str, n[, attr])
           window.addnstr(y, x, str, n[, attr])

Paint at most *n* characters of the character string *str* at
``(y, x)`` with attributes
*attr*, overwriting anything previously on the display.
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.addstr(str[, attr])
           window.addstr(y, x, str[, attr])

Paint the character string *str* at ``(y, x)`` with attributes
*attr*, overwriting anything previously on the display.

.. note::

    * Writing outside the window, subwindow, or pad raises :exc:`curses.error`.
      Attempting to write to the lower right corner of a window, subwindow,
      or pad will cause an exception to be raised after the string is printed.

    * A `bug in ncurses <https://bugs.python.org/issue35924>`, the backend
      for this Python module, can cause SegFaults when resizing windows. This
      is fixed in ncurses-6.1-20190511. If you are stuck with an earlier
      ncurses, you can avoid triggering this if you do not call :func:`addstr`
      with a *str* that has embedded newlines. Instead, call :func:`addstr`
      separately for each line.
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.attroff(attr)

Remove attribute *attr* from the "background" set applied to all writes to the
current window.
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 770)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.attron(attr)

Add attribute *attr* from the "background" set applied to all writes to the
current window.
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 776)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.attrset(attr)

Set the "background" set of attributes to *attr*. This set is initially
``0`` (no attributes).
```

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 782)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.bkgd(ch[, attr])

Set the background property of the window to the character *ch*, with
attributes *attr*. The change is then applied to every character position in
that window:

    * The attribute of every character in the window is changed to the new
      background attribute.
```


* Wherever the former background character appears, it is changed to the new background character.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.bkgdset(ch[, attr])
```

Set the window's background. A window's background consists of a character and any combination of attributes. The attribute part of the background is combined (OR'ed) with all non-blank characters that are written into the window. Both the character and attribute parts of the background are combined with the blank characters. The background becomes a property of the character and moves with the character through any scrolling and insert/delete line/character operations.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.border([ls[, rs[, ts[, bs[, tl[, tr[, bl[, br]]]]]]]])
```

Draw a border around the edges of the window. Each parameter specifies the character to use for a specific part of the border; see the table below for more details.

```
.. note::
```

A ``0`` value for any parameter will cause the default character to be used for that parameter. Keyword parameters can *not* be used. The defaults are listed in this table:

Parameter	Description	Default value
ls	Left side	:const:`ACS_VLINE`
rs	Right side	:const:`ACS_VLINE`
ts	Top	:const:`ACS_HLINE`
bs	Bottom	:const:`ACS_HLINE`
tl	Upper-left corner	:const:`ACS_ULCORNER`
tr	Upper-right corner	:const:`ACS_URCORNER`
bl	Bottom-left corner	:const:`ACS_LLCORNER`
br	Bottom-right corner	:const:`ACS_LRCORNER`

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.box([vertch, horch])
```

Similar to :meth:`border`, but both *ls* and *rs* are *vertch* and both *ts* and *bs* are *horch*. The default corner characters are always used by this function.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.chgat(attr)
            window.chgat(num, attr)
            window.chgat(y, x, attr)
            window.chgat(y, x, num, attr)
```

Set the attributes of *num* characters at the current cursor position, or at position ``(y, x)`` if supplied. If *num* is not given or is ``-1``, the attribute will be set on all the characters to the end of the line. This function moves cursor to position ``(y, x)`` if supplied. The changed line will be touched using the :meth:`touchline` method so that the contents will

be redisplayed by the next window refresh.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.clear()
```

Like :meth:`erase`, but also cause the whole window to be repainted upon next call to :meth:`refresh`.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.clearok(flag)
```

If *flag* is ``True``, the next call to :meth:`refresh` will clear the window completely.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.clrtoebot()
```

Erase from cursor to the end of the window: all lines below the cursor are deleted, and then the equivalent of :meth:`clrtoeol` is performed.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.clrtoeol()
```

Erase from cursor to the end of the line.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.cursyncup()
```

Update the current cursor position of all the ancestors of the window to reflect the current cursor position of the window.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 886)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.delch([y, x])
```

Delete any character at ``(y, x)``.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.deleteln()
```

Delete the line under the cursor. All following lines are moved up by one line.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.derwin(begin_y, begin_x)
           window.derwin(nlines, ncols, begin_y, begin_x)
```

An abbreviation for "derive window", :meth:`derwin` is the same as calling :meth:`subwin`, except that *begin_y* and *begin_x* are relative to the origin of the window, rather than relative to the entire screen. Return a window object for the derived window.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.echochar(ch[, attr])
```

Add character *ch* with attribute *attr*, and immediately call :meth:`refresh` on the window.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.enclose(y, x)
```

Test whether the given pair of screen-relative character-cell coordinates are enclosed by the given window, returning ``True`` or ``False``. It is useful for determining what subset of the screen windows enclose the location of a mouse event.

```
.. versionchanged:: 3.10
   Previously it returned ``1`` or ``0`` instead of ``True`` or ``False``.
```

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Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: window.encoding
```

Encoding used to encode method arguments (Unicode strings and characters). The encoding attribute is inherited from the parent window when a subwindow is created, for example with :meth:`window.subwin`. By default, the locale encoding is used (see :func:`locale.getpreferredencoding`).

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.erase()
```

Clear the window.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.getbegyx()
```

Return a tuple ``(y, x)`` of co-ordinates of upper-left corner.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 942)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.getbkgd()
```

Return the given window's current background character/attribute pair.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 947)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.getch([y, x])
```

Get a character. Note that the integer returned does *not* have to be in ASCII range: function keys, keypad keys and so on are represented by numbers higher than 255. In no-delay mode, return ``-1`` if there is no input, otherwise wait until a key is pressed.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 955)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.get_wch([y, x])
```

Get a wide character. Return a character for most keys, or an integer for function keys, keypad keys, and other special keys. In no-delay mode, raise an exception if there is no input.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.3
```

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.getkey([y, x])
```

Get a character, returning a string instead of an integer, as :meth:`getch` does. Function keys, keypad keys and other special keys return a multibyte string containing the key name. In no-delay mode, raise an exception if there is no input.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 972)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.getmaxyx()
```

Return a tuple ``(y, x)`` of the height and width of the window.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 977)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.getparyx()
```

Return the beginning coordinates of this window relative to its parent window as a tuple ``(y, x)``. Return ``(-1, -1)`` if this window has no parent.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 984)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.getstr()
           window.getstr(n)
           window.getstr(y, x)
           window.getstr(y, x, n)
```

Read a bytes object from the user, with primitive line editing capacity.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 992)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.getyx()
```

Return a tuple ``(y, x)`` of current cursor position relative to the window's upper-left corner.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 998)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.hline(ch, n)
           window.hline(y, x, ch, n)
```

Display a horizontal line starting at ``(y, x)`` with length *n* consisting of the character *ch*.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1005)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.idcok(flag)
```

If *flag* is ``False``, curses no longer considers using the hardware insert/delete character feature of the terminal; if *flag* is ``True``, use of character insertion and deletion is enabled. When curses is first initialized, use of character insert/delete is enabled by default.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1013)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.idlok(flag)
```

If *flag* is ``True``, :mod:`curses` will try and use hardware line editing facilities. Otherwise, line insertion/deletion are disabled.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1019)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.immedok(flag)
```

If *flag* is ``True``, any change in the window image automatically causes the window to be refreshed; you no longer have to call :meth:`refresh` yourself. However, it may degrade performance considerably, due to repeated calls to wrefresh. This option is disabled by default.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1027)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.inch([y, x])
```

Return the character at the given position in the window. The bottom 8 bits are the character proper, and upper bits are the attributes.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1033)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.insch(ch[, attr])
           window.insch(y, x, ch[, attr])
```

Paint character *ch* at ``(y, x)`` with attributes *attr*, moving the line from

position `*x*` right by one character.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1040)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.insdelln(nlines)
```

Insert `*nlines*` lines into the specified window above the current line. The `*nlines*` bottom lines are lost. For negative `*nlines*`, delete `*nlines*` lines starting with the one under the cursor, and move the remaining lines up. The bottom `*nlines*` lines are cleared. The current cursor position remains the same.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1049)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.insertln()
```

Insert a blank line under the cursor. All following lines are moved down by one line.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1055)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.insnstr(str, n[, attr])
           window.insnstr(y, x, str, n[, attr])
```

Insert a character string (as many characters as will fit on the line) before the character under the cursor, up to `*n*` characters. If `*n*` is zero or negative, the entire string is inserted. All characters to the right of the cursor are shifted right, with the rightmost characters on the line being lost. The cursor position does not change (after moving to `*y*`, `*x*`, if specified).

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1065)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.insstr(str[, attr])
           window.insstr(y, x, str[, attr])
```

Insert a character string (as many characters as will fit on the line) before the character under the cursor. All characters to the right of the cursor are shifted right, with the rightmost characters on the line being lost. The cursor position does not change (after moving to `*y*`, `*x*`, if specified).

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1074)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.instr([n])
           window.instr(y, x[, n])
```

Return a bytes object of characters, extracted from the window starting at the current cursor position, or at `*y*`, `*x*` if specified. Attributes are stripped from the characters. If `*n*` is specified, `:meth:`instr`` returns a string at most `*n*` characters long (exclusive of the trailing NUL).

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1083)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.is_linetouched(line)
```

Return `True` if the specified line was modified since the last call to `:meth:`refresh``; otherwise return `False`. Raise a `:exc:`curses.error``

exception if `*line*` is not valid for the given window.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library]curses.rst, line 1090)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.is_wintouched()
```

Return ``True`` if the specified window was modified since the last call to :meth:`refresh`; otherwise return ``False``.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.keypad(flag)
```

If `*flag*` is ``True``, escape sequences generated by some keys (keypad, function keys) will be interpreted by :mod:`curses`. If `*flag*` is ``False``, escape sequences will be left as is in the input stream.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library]curses.rst, line 1103)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.leaveok(flag)
```

If `*flag*` is ``True``, cursor is left where it is on update, instead of being at "cursor position." This reduces cursor movement where possible. If possible the cursor will be made invisible.

If `*flag*` is ``False``, cursor will always be at "cursor position" after an update.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library]curses.rst, line 1112)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.move(new_y, new_x)
```

Move cursor to ``(new_y, new_x)``.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library]curses.rst, line 1117)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.mvderwin(y, x)
```

Move the window inside its parent window. The screen-relative parameters of the window are not changed. This routine is used to display different parts of the parent window at the same physical position on the screen.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library]curses.rst, line 1124)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.mvwin(new_y, new_x)
```

Move the window so its upper-left corner is at ``(new_y, new_x)``.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library]curses.rst, line 1129)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.nodelay(flag)
```

If `*flag*` is ```True```, `:meth:`getch`` will be non-blocking.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1134)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.notimeout(flag)
```

If `*flag*` is ```True```, escape sequences will not be timed out.

If `*flag*` is ```False```, after a few milliseconds, an escape sequence will not be interpreted, and will be left in the input stream as is.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1142)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.noutrefresh()
```

Mark for refresh but wait. This function updates the data structure representing the desired state of the window, but does not force an update of the physical screen. To accomplish that, call `:func:`doupdate``.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1149)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.overlay(destwin[, sminrow, smincol, dminrow, dmincol, dmaxrow, dmaxcol])
```

Overlay the window on top of `*destwin*`. The windows need not be the same size, only the overlapping region is copied. This copy is non-destructive, which means that the current background character does not overwrite the old contents of `*destwin*`.

To get fine-grained control over the copied region, the second form of `:meth:`overlay`` can be used. `*sminrow*` and `*smincol*` are the upper-left coordinates of the source window, and the other variables mark a rectangle in the destination window.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.overwrite(destwin[, sminrow, smincol, dminrow, dmincol, dmaxrow, dmaxcol])
```

Overwrite the window on top of `*destwin*`. The windows need not be the same size, in which case only the overlapping region is copied. This copy is destructive, which means that the current background character overwrites the old contents of `*destwin*`.

To get fine-grained control over the copied region, the second form of `:meth:`overwrite`` can be used. `*sminrow*` and `*smincol*` are the upper-left coordinates of the source window, the other variables mark a rectangle in the destination window.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.putwin(file)
```

Write all data associated with the window into the provided file object. This information can be later retrieved using the `:func:`getwin`` function.

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Unknown directive type "method".


```
.. method:: window.redrawln(beg, num)
```

Indicate that the **num** screen lines, starting at line **beg**, are corrupted and should be completely redrawn on the next `:meth:`refresh`` call.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.redrawwin()
```

Touch the entire window, causing it to be completely redrawn on the next `:meth:`refresh`` call.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.refresh([pminrow, pmincol, sminrow, smincol, smaxrow, smaxcol])
```

Update the display immediately (sync actual screen with previous drawing/deleting methods).

The 6 optional arguments can only be specified when the window is a pad created with `:func:`newpad``. The additional parameters are needed to indicate what part of the pad and screen are involved. **pminrow** and **pmincol** specify the upper left-hand corner of the rectangle to be displayed in the pad. **sminrow**, **smincol**, **smaxrow**, and **smaxcol** specify the edges of the rectangle to be displayed on the screen. The lower right-hand corner of the rectangle to be displayed in the pad is calculated from the screen coordinates, since the rectangles must be the same size. Both rectangles must be entirely contained within their respective structures. Negative values of **pminrow**, **pmincol**, **sminrow**, or **smincol** are treated as if they were zero.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.resize(nlines, ncols)
```

Reallocate storage for a curses window to adjust its dimensions to the specified values. If either dimension is larger than the current values, the window's data is filled with blanks that have the current background rendition (as set by `:meth:`bkgdset``) merged into them.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.scroll([lines=1])
```

Scroll the screen or scrolling region upward by **lines** lines.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.scrollok(flag)
```

Control what happens when the cursor of a window is moved off the edge of the window or scrolling region, either as a result of a newline action on the bottom line, or typing the last character of the last line. If **flag** is ```False```, the cursor is left on the bottom line. If **flag** is ```True```, the window is scrolled up one line. Note that in order to get the physical scrolling effect on the terminal, it is also necessary to call `:meth:`idlok``.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library]curses.rst, line 1233)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.setscrreg(top, bottom)
```

Set the scrolling region from line *top* to line *bottom*. All scrolling actions will take place in this region.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1239)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.standend()
```

Turn off the standout attribute. On some terminals this has the side effect of turning off all attributes.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.standout()
```

Turn on attribute *A_STANDOUT*.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.subpad(begin_y, begin_x)
           window.subpad(nlines, ncols, begin_y, begin_x)
```

Return a sub-window, whose upper-left corner is at ``(begin_y, begin_x)``, and whose width/height is *ncols*/*nlines*.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.subwin(begin_y, begin_x)
           window.subwin(nlines, ncols, begin_y, begin_x)
```

Return a sub-window, whose upper-left corner is at ``(begin_y, begin_x)``, and whose width/height is *ncols*/*nlines*.

By default, the sub-window will extend from the specified position to the lower right corner of the window.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.syncdown()
```

Touch each location in the window that has been touched in any of its ancestor windows. This routine is called by :meth:`refresh`, so it should almost never be necessary to call it manually.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.syncok(flag)
```

If *flag* is ``True``, then :meth:`syncup` is called automatically whenever there is a change in the window.

System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\[cpython-main] [Doc] [library]curses.rst, line 1280)

Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.syncup()
```

Touch all locations in ancestors of the window that have been changed in the window.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.timeout(delay)
```

Set blocking or non-blocking read behavior for the window. If **delay** is negative, blocking read is used (which will wait indefinitely for input). If **delay** is zero, then non-blocking read is used, and `:meth:`getch`` will return `-1` if no input is waiting. If **delay** is positive, then `:meth:`getch`` will block for **delay** milliseconds, and return `-1` if there is still no input at the end of that time.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.touchline(start, count[, changed])
```

Pretend **count** lines have been changed, starting with line **start**. If **changed** is supplied, it specifies whether the affected lines are marked as having been changed (`*changed*` ``=True```) or unchanged (`*changed*` ``=False```).

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.touchwin()
```

Pretend the whole window has been changed, for purposes of drawing optimizations.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.untouchwin()
```

Mark all lines in the window as unchanged since the last call to `:meth:`refresh``.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: window.vline(ch, n)
           window.vline(y, x, ch, n)
```

Display a vertical line starting at `(y, x)` with length **n** consisting of the character **ch**.

Constants

The `mod:`curses`` module defines the following data members:

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Unknown interpreted text role "mod".

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Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: ERR
```

Some curses routines that return an integer, such as :meth:`~window.getch`, return :const:`ERR` upon failure.

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Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: OK
```

Some curses routines that return an integer, such as :func:`napms`, return :const:`OK` upon success.

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Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: version
```

A bytes object representing the current version of the module. Also available as :const:`__version__`.

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Unknown directive type "data".

```
.. data:: ncurses_version
```

A named tuple containing the three components of the ncurses library version: *major*, *minor*, and *patch*. All values are integers. The components can also be accessed by name, so ``curses.ncurses_version[0]`` is equivalent to ``curses.ncurses_version.major`` and so on.

Availability: if the ncurses library is used.

```
.. versionadded:: 3.8
```

Some constants are available to specify character cell attributes. The exact constants available are system dependent.

Attribute	Meaning
A_ALTCHARSET	Alternate character set mode
A_BLINK	Blink mode
A_BOLD	Bold mode
A_DIM	Dim mode
A_INVIS	Invisible or blank mode
A_ITALIC	Italic mode
A_NORMAL	Normal attribute
A_PROTECT	Protected mode
A_REVERSE	Reverse background and foreground colors
A_STANDOUT	Standout mode
A_UNDERLINE	Underline mode
A_HORIZONTAL	Horizontal highlight
A_LEFT	Left highlight
A_LOW	Low highlight
A_RIGHT	Right highlight
A_TOP	Top highlight
A_VERTICAL	Vertical highlight
A_CHARTEXT	Bit-mask to extract a character

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Unknown directive type "versionadded".

```
.. versionadded:: 3.7
   ``A_ITALIC`` was added.
```

Several constants are available to extract corresponding attributes returned by some methods.

Bit-mask	Meaning
A_ATTRIBUTES	Bit-mask to extract attributes
A_CHARTEXT	Bit-mask to extract a character
A_COLOR	Bit-mask to extract color-pair field information

Keys are referred to by integer constants with names starting with `KEY_`. The exact keycaps available are system dependent.

Key constant	Key
KEY_MIN	Minimum key value
KEY_BREAK	Break key (unreliable)
KEY_DOWN	Down-arrow
KEY_UP	Up-arrow
KEY_LEFT	Left-arrow
KEY_RIGHT	Right-arrow
KEY_HOME	Home key (upward+left arrow)
KEY_BACKSPACE	Backspace (unreliable)
KEY_F0	Function keys. Up to 64 function keys are supported.
KEY_Fn	Value of function key <i>n</i>
KEY_DL	Delete line
KEY_IL	Insert line
KEY_DC	Delete character
KEY_IC	Insert char or enter insert mode
KEY_EIC	Exit insert char mode
KEY_CLEAR	Clear screen
KEY_EOS	Clear to end of screen
KEY_EOL	Clear to end of line
KEY_SF	Scroll 1 line forward
KEY_SR	Scroll 1 line backward (reverse)
KEY_NPAGE	Next page
KEY_PPAGE	Previous page
KEY_STAB	Set tab
KEY_CTAB	Clear tab
KEY_CATAB	Clear all tabs
KEY_ENTER	Enter or send (unreliable)
KEY_SRESET	Soft (partial) reset (unreliable)
KEY_RESET	Reset or hard reset (unreliable)
KEY_PRINT	Print
KEY_LL	Home down or bottom (lower left)
KEY_A1	Upper left of keypad
KEY_A3	Upper right of keypad
KEY_B2	Center of keypad
KEY_C1	Lower left of keypad
KEY_C3	Lower right of keypad
KEY_BTAB	Back tab
KEY_BEG	Beg (beginning)
KEY_CANCEL	Cancel
KEY_CLOSE	Close
KEY_COMMAND	Cmd (command)
KEY_COPY	Copy
KEY_CREATE	Create
KEY_END	End
KEY_EXIT	Exit
KEY_FIND	Find
KEY_HELP	Help
KEY_MARK	Mark
KEY_MESSAGE	Message
KEY_MOVE	Move
KEY_NEXT	Next
KEY_OPEN	Open
KEY_OPTIONS	Options
KEY_PREVIOUS	Prev (previous)
KEY_REDO	Redo
KEY_REFERENCE	Ref (reference)

Key constant	Key
KEY_REFRESH	Refresh
KEY_REPLACE	Replace
KEY_RESTART	Restart
KEY_RESUME	Resume
KEY_SAVE	Save
KEY_SBEG	Shifted Beg (beginning)
KEY_SCANCEL	Shifted Cancel
KEY_SCOMMAND	Shifted Command
KEY_SCOPY	Shifted Copy
KEY_SCREATE	Shifted Create
KEY_SDC	Shifted Delete char
KEY_SDL	Shifted Delete line
KEY_SELECT	Select
KEY_SEND	Shifted End
KEY_SEOL	Shifted Clear line
KEY_SEXIT	Shifted Exit
KEY_SFIND	Shifted Find
KEY_SHELP	Shifted Help
KEY_SHOME	Shifted Home
KEY_SIC	Shifted Input
KEY_SLEFT	Shifted Left arrow
KEY_SMESSAGE	Shifted Message
KEY_SMOVE	Shifted Move
KEY_SNEXT	Shifted Next
KEY_SOPTIONS	Shifted Options
KEY_SPREVIOUS	Shifted Prev
KEY_SPRINT	Shifted Print
KEY_SREDO	Shifted Redo
KEY_SREPLACE	Shifted Replace
KEY_SRIGHT	Shifted Right arrow
KEY_SRESUME	Shifted Resume
KEY_SSAVE	Shifted Save
KEY_SSUSPEND	Shifted Suspend
KEY_SUNDO	Shifted Undo
KEY_SUSPEND	Suspend
KEY_UNDO	Undo
KEY_MOUSE	Mouse event has occurred
KEY_RESIZE	Terminal resize event
KEY_MAX	Maximum key value

On VT100s and their software emulations, such as X terminal emulators, there are normally at least four function keys (`:const:KEY_F1'`, `:const:KEY_F2'`, `:const:KEY_F3'`, `:const:KEY_F4'`) available, and the arrow keys mapped to `:const:KEY_UP'`, `:const:KEY_DOWN'`, `:const:KEY_LEFT'` and `:const:KEY_RIGHT'` in the obvious way. If your machine has a PC keyboard, it is safe to expect arrow keys and twelve function keys (older PC keyboards may have only ten function keys); also, the following keypad mappings are standard:

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Unknown interpreted text role "const".

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Unknown interpreted text role "const".

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Unknown interpreted text role "const".

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Unknown interpreted text role "const".

Keycap	Constant
<code>:kbd: Insert`</code> <div>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1632); backlink</div> Unknown interpreted text role "kbd".	KEY_IC
<code>:kbd: Delete`</code> <div>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1634); backlink</div> Unknown interpreted text role "kbd".	KEY_DC
<code>:kbd: Home`</code> <div>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1636); backlink</div> Unknown interpreted text role "kbd".	KEY_HOME
<code>:kbd: End`</code> <div>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1638); backlink</div> Unknown interpreted text role "kbd".	KEY_END
<code>:kbd: Page Up`</code> <div>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1640); backlink</div> Unknown interpreted text role "kbd".	KEY_PPAGE
<code>:kbd: Page Down`</code> <div>System Message: ERROR/3 (D:\onboarding-resources\sample-onboarding-resources\cpython-main\Doc\library\cpython-main [Doc] [library] curses.rst, line 1642); backlink</div> Unknown interpreted text role "kbd".	KEY_NPAGE

The following table lists characters from the alternate character set. These are inherited from the VT100 terminal, and will generally be available on software emulations such as X terminals. When there is no graphic available, curses falls back on a crude printable ASCII approximation.

Note

These are available only after `:func:`initscr`` has been called.

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Unknown interpreted text role "func".

ACS code	Meaning
ACS_BBSS	alternate name for upper right corner
ACS_BLOCK	solid square block
ACS_BOARD	board of squares
ACS_BSBS	alternate name for horizontal line
ACS_BSSB	alternate name for upper left corner
ACS_BSSS	alternate name for top tee
ACS_BTEE	bottom tee
ACS_BULLET	bullet
ACS_CKBOARD	checker board (stipple)
ACS_DARROW	arrow pointing down
ACS_DEGREE	degree symbol
ACS_DIAMOND	diamond
ACS_GEQUAL	greater-than-or-equal-to
ACS_HLINE	horizontal line
ACS_LANTERN	lantern symbol
ACS_LARROW	left arrow
ACS_LEQUAL	less-than-or-equal-to
ACS_LLCORNER	lower left-hand corner
ACS_LRCORNER	lower right-hand corner
ACS_LTEE	left tee
ACS_NEQUAL	not-equal sign
ACS_PI	letter pi
ACS_PLMINUS	plus-or-minus sign
ACS_PLUS	big plus sign
ACS_RARROW	right arrow
ACS_RTEE	right tee
ACS_S1	scan line 1
ACS_S3	scan line 3
ACS_S7	scan line 7
ACS_S9	scan line 9
ACS_SBBS	alternate name for lower right corner
ACS_SBSB	alternate name for vertical line
ACS_SBSS	alternate name for right tee
ACS_SSBB	alternate name for lower left corner
ACS_SSBS	alternate name for bottom tee
ACS_SSSB	alternate name for left tee
ACS_SSSS	alternate name for crossover or big plus
ACS_STERLING	pound sterling
ACS_TTEE	top tee
ACS_UARROW	up arrow
ACS_ULCORNER	upper left corner
ACS_URCORNER	upper right corner
ACS_VLINE	vertical line

The following table lists the predefined colors:

Constant	Color
COLOR_BLACK	Black
COLOR_BLUE	Blue
COLOR_CYAN	Cyan (light greenish blue)
COLOR_GREEN	Green
COLOR_MAGENTA	Magenta (purplish red)
COLOR_RED	Red
COLOR_WHITE	White
COLOR_YELLOW	Yellow

`:mod:`curses.textpad`` --- Text input widget for curses programs

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Unknown interpreted text role "mod".

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Unknown directive type "module".

```
.. module:: curses.textpad
   :synopsis: Emacs-like input editing in a curses window.
```

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Unknown directive type "moduleauthor".

```
.. moduleauthor:: Eric Raymond <esr@thyrsus.com>
```

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Unknown directive type "sectionauthor".

```
.. sectionauthor:: Eric Raymond <esr@thyrsus.com>
```

The `mod:'curses.textpad'` module provides a `:class:'Textbox'` class that handles elementary text editing in a curses window, supporting a set of keybindings resembling those of Emacs (thus, also of Netscape Navigator, BBedit 6.x, FrameMaker, and many other programs). The module also provides a rectangle-drawing function useful for framing text boxes or for other purposes.

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Unknown interpreted text role "mod".

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Unknown interpreted text role "class".

The module `mod:'curses.textpad'` defines the following function:

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Unknown interpreted text role "mod".

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Unknown directive type "function".

```
.. function:: rectangle(win, uly, ulx, lry, lrx)
```

Draw a rectangle. The first argument must be a window object; the remaining arguments are coordinates relative to that window. The second and third arguments are the y and x coordinates of the upper left hand corner of the rectangle to be drawn; the fourth and fifth arguments are the y and x coordinates of the lower right hand corner. The rectangle will be drawn using VT100/IBM PC forms characters on terminals that make this possible (including xterm and most other software terminal emulators). Otherwise it will be drawn with ASCII dashes, vertical bars, and plus signs.

Textbox objects

You can instantiate a `:class:'Textbox'` object as follows:

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Unknown interpreted text role "class".

Return a textbox widget object. The `win` argument should be a curses `ref:'window <curses-window-objects>'` object in which the textbox is to be contained. The edit cursor of the textbox is initially located at the upper left hand corner of the containing window,

with coordinates (0, 0). The instance's `attr:'stripspaces'` flag is initially on.

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`class:'Textbox'` objects have the following methods:

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Unknown interpreted text role "class".

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: edit([validator])
```

This is the entry point you will normally use. It accepts editing keystrokes until one of the termination keystrokes is entered. If `*validator*` is supplied, it must be a function. It will be called for each keystroke entered with the keystroke as a parameter; command dispatch is done on the result. This method returns the window contents as a string; whether blanks in the window are included is affected by the `attr:'stripspaces'` attribute.

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: do_command(ch)
```

Process a single command keystroke. Here are the supported special keystrokes:

Keystroke	Action
:kbd:`Control-A`	Go to left edge of window.
:kbd:`Control-B`	Cursor left, wrapping to previous line if appropriate.
:kbd:`Control-D`	Delete character under cursor.
:kbd:`Control-E`	Go to right edge (stripspaces off) or end of line (stripspaces on).
:kbd:`Control-F`	Cursor right, wrapping to next line when appropriate.
:kbd:`Control-G`	Terminate, returning the window contents.
:kbd:`Control-H`	Delete character backward.
:kbd:`Control-J`	Terminate if the window is 1 line, otherwise insert newline.
:kbd:`Control-K`	If line is blank, delete it, otherwise clear to end of line.
:kbd:`Control-L`	Refresh screen.
:kbd:`Control-N`	Cursor down; move down one line.
:kbd:`Control-O`	Insert a blank line at cursor location.
:kbd:`Control-P`	Cursor up; move up one line.

Move operations do nothing if the cursor is at an edge where the movement is not possible. The following synonyms are supported where possible:

Constant	Keystroke
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```

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| :const:`KEY_LEFT`      | :kbd:`Control-B` |
+-----+-----+
| :const:`KEY_RIGHT`     | :kbd:`Control-F` |
+-----+-----+
| :const:`KEY_UP`        | :kbd:`Control-P` |
+-----+-----+
| :const:`KEY_DOWN`      | :kbd:`Control-N` |
+-----+-----+
| :const:`KEY_BACKSPACE` | :kbd:`Control-h` |
+-----+-----+

```

All other keystrokes are treated as a command to insert the given character and move right (with line wrapping).

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Unknown directive type "method".

```
.. method:: gather()
```

Return the window contents as a string; whether blanks in the window are included is affected by the :attr:`stripspaces` member.

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Unknown directive type "attribute".

```
.. attribute:: stripspaces
```

This attribute is a flag which controls the interpretation of blanks in the window. When it is on, trailing blanks on each line are ignored; any cursor motion that would land the cursor on a trailing blank goes to the end of that line instead, and trailing blanks are stripped when the window contents are gathered.