

Supported Terminal Sequences

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General notes

This document lists xterm.js' support of terminal sequences. The sequences are grouped by their sequence type:

- C0: single byte command (7bit control codes, byte range `\x00 .. \x1F`, `\x7F`)
- C1: single byte command (8bit control codes, byte range `\x80 .. \x9F`)
- ESC: sequence starting with `ESC` (`\x1B`)
- CSI - Control Sequence Introducer: sequence starting with `ESC [` (7bit) or `CSI` (`\x9B`, 8bit)
- DCS - Device Control String: sequence starting with `ESC P` (7bit) or `DCS` (`\x90`, 8bit)
- OSC - Operating System Command: sequence starting with `ESC]` (7bit) or `OSC` (`\x9D`, 8bit)

Application Program Command (APC), Privacy Message (PM) and Start of String (SOS) are recognized but not supported, any sequence of these types will be ignored. They are also not hookable by the API.

Note that the list only contains sequences implemented in xterm.js' core codebase. Missing sequences are either not supported or unstable/experimental. Furthermore addons or integrations can provide additional custom sequences.

To denote the sequences the tables use the same abbreviations as xterm does:

- **Ps** : A single (usually optional) numeric parameter, composed of one or more decimal digits.
- **Pm** : A multiple numeric parameter composed of any number of single numeric parameters, separated by ; character(s), e.g. ``Ps ; Ps ; ... ``.
- **Pt** : A text parameter composed of printable characters. Note that for most commands with **Pt** only ASCII printables are specified to work. Additionally the parser will let pass any codepoint greater than C1 as printable.

C0

Mnemonic	Name	Sequence	Short Description	Support
NUL	Null	<code>\0</code> , <code>\x00</code>	NUL is ignored.	✓
BEL	Bell	<code>\a</code> , <code>\x07</code>	Ring the bell. <i>less</i>	✓

The behavior of the bell is further customizable with `ITerminalOptions.bellStyle` and `ITerminalOptions.bellSound`.

BS	Backspace	<code>\b</code> , <code>\x08</code>	Move the cursor one position to the left. <i>less</i>	✓
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By default it is not possible to move the cursor past the leftmost position. If *reverse wrap-around* (`CSI ? 45 h`) is set, a previous soft line wrap (DECAWM) can be undone with BS within the scroll margins. In that case the cursor will wrap back to the end of the previous row. Note that it is not possible to peek back into the scrollbar with the cursor, thus at the home position (top-leftmost cell) this has no effect.

HT	Horizontal Tabulation	<code>\t, \x09</code>	Move the cursor to the next character tab stop.	✓
LF	Line Feed	<code>\n, \x0A</code>	Move the cursor one row down, scrolling if needed. <i>less</i>	✓

Scrolling is restricted to scroll margins and will only happen on the bottom line.

VT	Vertical Tabulation	<code>\v, \x0B</code>	Treated as LF.	✓
FF	Form Feed	<code>\f, \x0C</code>	Treated as LF.	✓
CR	Carriage Return	<code>\r, \x0D</code>	Move the cursor to the beginning of the row.	✓
SO	Shift Out	<code>\x0E</code>	Switch to an alternative character set.	<u>Partial</u>
SI	Shift In	<code>\x0F</code>	Return to regular character set after Shift Out.	✓
ESC	Escape	<code>\e, \x1B</code>	Start of a sequence. Cancels any other sequence.	✓

C1

Mnemonic	Name	Sequence	Short Description	Support
IND	Index	<code>\x84</code>	Move the cursor one line down scrolling if needed.	✓
NEL	Next Line	<code>\x85</code>	Move the cursor to the beginning of the next row.	✓
HTS	Horizontal Tabulation Set	<code>\x88</code>	Places a tab stop at the current cursor position.	✓
DCS	Device Control String	<code>\x90</code>	Start of a DCS sequence.	✓
CSI	Control Sequence Introducer	<code>\x9B</code>	Start of a CSI sequence.	✓
ST	String Terminator	<code>\x9C</code>	Terminator used for string type sequences.	✓
OSC	Operating System Command	<code>\x9D</code>	Start of an OSC sequence.	✓
PM	Privacy Message	<code>\x9E</code>	Start of a privacy message.	✓
APC	Application Program Command	<code>\x9F</code>	Start of an APC sequence.	✓

CSI

Mnemonic	Name	Sequence	Short Description	Support
ICH	Insert Characters	<code>CSI Ps @</code>	Insert <i>Ps</i> (blank) characters (default = 1). <i>less</i>	✓

The ICH sequence inserts *Ps* blank characters. The cursor remains at the beginning of the blank characters. Text between the cursor and right margin moves to the right. Characters moved past the right margin are lost.

SL	Scroll Left	<code>CSI Ps SP @</code>	Scroll viewport <i>Ps</i> times to the left. <i>less</i>	✓
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SL moves the content of all lines within the scroll margins *Ps* times to the left. SL has no effect outside of the scroll margins.

CUU	Cursor Up	<code>CSI Ps A</code>	Move cursor <i>Ps</i> times up (default=1). <i>less</i>	✓
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If the cursor would pass the top scroll margin, it will stop there.

SR	Scroll Right	<code>CSI Ps SP A</code>	Scroll viewport <i>Ps</i> times to the right. <i>less</i>	✓
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SL moves the content of all lines within the scroll margins P_s times to the right. Content at the right margin is lost. SL has no effect outside of the scroll margins.

CUD	Cursor Down	CSI P_s B	Move cursor P_s times down (default=1). <i>less</i>	✓
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If the cursor would pass the bottom scroll margin, it will stop there.

CUF	Cursor Forward	CSI P_s C	Move cursor P_s times forward (default=1).	✓
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CUB	Cursor Backward	CSI P_s D	Move cursor P_s times backward (default=1).	✓
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CNL	Cursor Next Line	CSI P_s E	Move cursor P_s times down (default=1) and to the first column. <i>less</i>	✓
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Same as CUD, additionally places the cursor at the first column.

CPL	Cursor Backward	CSI P_s F	Move cursor P_s times up (default=1) and to the first column. <i>less</i>	✓
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Same as CUU, additionally places the cursor at the first column.

CHA	Cursor Horizontal Absolute	CSI P_s G	Move cursor to P_s -th column of the active row (default=1).	✓
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CUP	Cursor Position	CSI P_s ; P_s H	Set cursor to position [P_s , P_s] (default = [1, 1]). <i>less</i>	✓
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If ORIGIN mode is set, places the cursor to the absolute position within the scroll margins. If ORIGIN mode is not set, places the cursor to the absolute position within the viewport. Note that the coordinates are 1-based, thus the top left position starts at 1 ; 1.

CHT	Cursor Horizontal Tabulation	CSI P_s I	Move cursor P_s times tabs forward (default=1).	✓
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ED	Erase In Display	CSI P_s J	Erase various parts of the viewport. <i>less</i>	✓
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Supported param values:

P_s Effect

- 0 Erase from the cursor through the end of the viewport.
- 1 Erase from the beginning of the viewport through the cursor.
- 2 Erase complete viewport.
- 3 Erase scrollbar.

DECESD	Selective Erase In Display	CSI ? P_s J	Currently the same as ED.	<u>Partial</u>
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EL	Erase In Line	CSI P_s K	Erase various parts of the active row. <i>less</i>	✓
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Supported param values:

P_s Effect

- 0 Erase from the cursor through the end of the row.
- 1 Erase from the beginning of the line through the cursor.
- 2 Erase complete line.

DECSEL	Selective Erase In Line	CSI ? P_s K	Currently the same as EL.	<u>Partial</u>
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IL	Insert Line	CSI P_s L	Insert P_s blank lines at active row (default=1). <i>less</i>	✓
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For every inserted line at the scroll top one line at the scroll bottom gets removed. The cursor is set to the first column. IL has no effect if the cursor is outside the scroll margins.

DL	Delete Line	CSI Ps M	Delete Ps lines at active row (default=1). <i>less</i>	✓
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For every deleted line at the scroll top one blank line at the scroll bottom gets appended. The cursor is set to the first column. DL has no effect if the cursor is outside the scroll margins.

DCH	Delete Character	CSI Ps P	Delete Ps characters (default=1). <i>less</i>	✓
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As characters are deleted, the remaining characters between the cursor and right margin move to the left. Character attributes move with the characters. The terminal adds blank characters at the right margin.

SU	Scroll Up	CSI Ps S	Scroll Ps lines up (default=1).	✓
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SD	Scroll Down	CSI Ps T	Scroll Ps lines down (default=1).	✓
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ECH	Erase Character	CSI Ps X	Erase Ps characters from current cursor position to the right (default=1). <i>less</i>	✓
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ED erases Ps characters from current cursor position to the right. ED works inside or outside the scrolling margins.

CBT	Cursor Backward Tabulation	CSI Ps Z	Move cursor Ps tabs backward (default=1).	✓
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HPA	Horizontal Position Absolute	CSI Ps `	Same as CHA.	✓
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HPR	Horizontal Position Relative	CSI Ps a	Same as CUF.	✓
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REP	Repeat Preceding Character	CSI Ps b	Repeat preceding character Ps times (default=1). <i>less</i>	✓
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REP repeats the previous character Ps times advancing the cursor, also wrapping if DECAWM is set. REP has no effect if the sequence does not follow a printable ASCII character (NOOP for any other sequence in between or NON ASCII characters).

DA1	Primary Device Attributes	CSI c	Send primary device attributes.	✓
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DA2	Secondary Device Attributes	CSI > c	Send primary device attributes.	✓
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VPA	Vertical Position Absolute	CSI Ps d	Move cursor to Ps -th row (default=1).	✓
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VPR	Vertical Position Relative	CSI Ps e	Move cursor Ps times down (default=1).	✓
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HVP	Horizontal and Vertical Position	CSI Ps ; Ps f	Same as CUP.	✓
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TBC	Tab Clear	CSI Ps g	Clear tab stops at current position (0) or all (3) (default=0). <i>less</i>	✓
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Clearing tabstops off the active row (Ps = 2, VT100) is currently not supported.

SM	Set Mode	CSI Pm h	Set various terminal modes. <i>less</i>	<u>Partial</u>
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Supported param values by SM:

Param	Action	Support
2	Keyboard Action Mode (KAM). Always on.	✗
4	Insert Mode (IRM).	✓
12	Send/receive (SRM). Always off.	✗
20	Automatic Newline (LNM). Always off.	✗

DECSET	DEC Private Set Mode	CSI ? Pm h	Set various terminal attributes. <i>less</i>	<u>Partial</u>
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Supported param values by DECSET:

param	Action	Support
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RM	Reset Mode	CSI Pm l	Set various terminal attributes. <i>less</i>	<u>Partial</u>
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<i>Param</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Support</i>
2	Keyboard Action Mode (KAM). Always on.	✗
4	Replace Mode (IRM). (default)	✓
12	Send/receive (SRM). Always off.	✗
20	Normal Linefeed (LNM). Always off.	✗

DECRST	DEC Private Reset Mode	CSI ? Pm l	Reset various terminal attributes. <i>less</i>	<u>Partial</u>
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<i>param</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Support</i>
1	Normal Cursor Keys (DECCKM).	✓
2	Designate VT52 mode (DECANM).	✗
3	80 Column Mode (DECCOLM).	<u>Broken</u>
6	Normal Cursor Mode (DECOM).	✓
7	No Wraparound Mode (DECAWM).	✓
8	No Auto-repeat Keys (DECARM).	✗

9	Don't send Mouse X & Y on button press.	✓
12	Stop Blinking Cursor.	✓
25	Hide Cursor (DECTCEM).	✓
45	No reverse wrap-around.	✓
47	Use Normal Screen Buffer.	✓
66	Numeric keypad (DECNKM).	✓
1000	Don't send Mouse reports.	✓
1002	Don't use Cell Motion Mouse Tracking.	✓
1003	Don't use All Motion Mouse Tracking.	✓
1004	Don't send FocusIn/FocusOut events.	✓
1005	Disable UTF-8 Mouse Mode.	✗
1006	Disable SGR Mouse Mode.	✓
1015	Disable urxvt Mouse Mode.	✗
1047	Use Normal Screen Buffer (clearing screen if in alt).	✓
1048	Restore cursor as in DECRC.	✓
1049	Use Normal Screen Buffer and restore cursor.	✓
2004	Reset bracketed paste mode.	✓

SGR Select Graphic Rendition CSI Pm m Set/Reset various text attributes. *less*

Partial

SGR selects one or more character attributes at the same time. Multiple params (up to 32) are applied in order from left to right. The changed attributes are applied to all new characters received. If you move characters in the viewport by scrolling or any other means, then the attributes move with the characters.

Supported param values by SGR:

Param	Meaning	Support
0	Normal (default). Resets any other preceding SGR.	✓
1	Bold. (also see <i>options.drawBoldTextInBrightColors</i>)	✓
2	Faint, decreased intensity.	✓
3	Italic.	✓
4	Underlined (see below for style support).	✓
5	Slowly blinking.	✗
6	Rapidly blinking.	✗
7	Inverse. Flips foreground and background color.	✓
8	Invisible (hidden).	✓
9	Crossed-out characters (strikethrough).	✓
21	Doubly underlined.	<u>Partial</u>
22	Normal (neither bold nor faint).	✓
23	No italic.	✓
24	Not underlined.	✓
25	Steady (not blinking).	✓
27	Positive (not inverse).	✓
28	Visible (not hidden).	✓
29	Not Crossed-out (strikethrough).	✓

30	Foreground color: Black.	✓
31	Foreground color: Red.	✓
32	Foreground color: Green.	✓
33	Foreground color: Yellow.	✓
34	Foreground color: Blue.	✓
35	Foreground color: Magenta.	✓
36	Foreground color: Cyan.	✓
37	Foreground color: White.	✓
38	Foreground color: Extended color.	<u>Partial</u>
39	Foreground color: Default (original).	✓
40	Background color: Black.	✓
41	Background color: Red.	✓
42	Background color: Green.	✓
43	Background color: Yellow.	✓
44	Background color: Blue.	✓
45	Background color: Magenta.	✓
46	Background color: Cyan.	✓
47	Background color: White.	✓
48	Background color: Extended color.	<u>Partial</u>
49	Background color: Default (original).	✓
90 - 97	Bright foreground color (analogous to 30 - 37).	✓
100 - 107	Bright background color (analogous to 40 - 47).	✓

Underline supports subparams to denote the style in the form *4 : x*:

<i>x</i>	Meaning	Support
0	No underline. Same as <i>SGR 24 m</i> .	✓
1	Single underline. Same as <i>SGR 4 m</i> .	✓
2	Double underline.	<u>Partial</u>
3	Curly underline.	<u>Partial</u>
4	Dotted underline.	<u>Partial</u>
5	Dashed underline.	<u>Partial</u>
other	Single underline. Same as <i>SGR 4 m</i> .	✓

Extended colors are supported for foreground (*Ps=38*) and background (*Ps=48*) as follows:

<i>Ps + 1</i>	Meaning	Support
0	Implementation defined.	✗
1	Transparent.	✗
2	RGB color as <i>Ps ; 2 ; R ; G ; B</i> OR <i>Ps : 2 : : R : G : B</i> .	✓
3	CMY color.	✗
4	CMYK color.	✗
5	Indexed (256 colors) as <i>Ps ; 5 ; INDEX</i> OR <i>Ps : 5 : INDEX</i> .	✓

DSR	Device Status Report	CSI Ps n	Request cursor position (CPR) with Ps = 6.	✓
DECDSR	DEC Device Status Report	CSI ? Ps n	Only CPR is supported (same as DSR).	<u>Partial</u>
DECSTR	Soft Terminal Reset	CSI ! p	Reset several terminal attributes to initial state. <i>less</i>	✓

There are two terminal reset sequences - RIS and DECSTR. While RIS performs almost a full terminal bootstrap, DECSTR only resets certain attributes. For most needs DECSTR should be sufficient.

The following terminal attributes are reset to default values:

- IRM is reset (default = false)
- scroll margins are reset (default = viewport size)
- erase attributes are reset to default
- charsets are reset
- DECSC data is reset to initial values
- DECOM is reset to absolute mode

DECSCUSR	Set Cursor Style	CSI Ps SP q	Set cursor style. <i>less</i>	✓
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Supported cursor styles:

- empty, 0 or 1: steady block
- 2: blink block
- 3: steady underline
- 4: blink underline
- 5: steady bar
- 6: blink bar

DECSTBM	Set Top and Bottom Margin	CSI Ps ; Ps r	Set top and bottom margins of the viewport [top;bottom] (default = viewport size).	✓
SCOSC	Save Cursor	CSI s	Save cursor position, charmap and text attributes.	<u>Partial</u>
SCORC	Restore Cursor	CSI u	Restore cursor position, charmap and text attributes.	<u>Partial</u>
DECIC	Insert Columns	CSI Ps ' }	Insert Ps columns at cursor position. <i>less</i>	✓

DECIC inserts Ps times blank columns at the cursor position for all lines with the scroll margins, moving content to the right. Content at the right margin is lost. DECIC has no effect outside the scrolling margins.

DEDCD	Delete Columns	CSI Ps ' ~	Delete Ps columns at cursor position. <i>less</i>	✓
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DEDCD deletes Ps times columns at the cursor position for all lines with the scroll margins, moving content to the left. Blank columns are added at the right margin. DEDCD has no effect outside the scrolling margins.

DCS

Mnemonic	Name	Sequence	Short Description	Support
SIXEL	SIXEL Graphics	DCS Ps ; Ps ; Ps ; q Pt ST	Draw SIXEL image starting at cursor position.	✗
DECRQSS	Request Selection or Setting	DCS \$ q Pt ST	Request several terminal settings. <i>less</i>	<u>Partial</u>

Response is in the form ESC P 1 \$ r Pt ST for valid requests, where Pt contains the corresponding CSI string, ESC P 0 ST for invalid requests.

Supported requests and responses:

Type	Request	Response (Pt)
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Graphic Rendition (SGR)	DCS \$ q m ST	always reporting 0m (currently broken)	
Top and Bottom Margins (DECSTBM)	DCS \$ q r ST	Ps ; Ps r	
Cursor Style (DECSCUSR)	DCS \$ q SP q ST	Ps SP q	
Protection Attribute (DECSCA)	DCS \$ q " q ST	always reporting 0 " q (DECSCA is unsupported)	
Conformance Level (DECSCCL)	DCS \$ q " p ST	always reporting 61 ; 1 " p (DECSCCL is unsupported)	
DECUDK	User Defined Keys	DCS Ps ; Ps Pt ST	Definitions for user-defined keys. X
XTGETTCAP	Request Termino String	DCS + q Pt ST	Request Termino String. X
XTSETTCAP	Set Termino Data	DCS + p Pt ST	Set Termino Data. X

ESC

Mnemonic	Name	Sequence	Short Description	Support
SC	Save Cursor	ESC 7	Save cursor position, charmap and text attributes.	✓
RC	Restore Cursor	ESC 8	Restore cursor position, charmap and text attributes.	✓
DECALN	Screen Alignment Pattern	ESC # 8	Fill viewport with a test pattern (E).	✓
IND	Index	ESC D	Move the cursor one line down scrolling if needed.	✓
NEL	Next Line	ESC E	Move the cursor to the beginning of the next row.	✓
HTS	Horizontal Tabulation Set	ESC H	Places a tab stop at the current cursor position.	✓
IR	Reverse Index	ESC M	Move the cursor one line up scrolling if needed.	✓
DCS	Device Control String	ESC P	Start of a DCS sequence.	✓
CSI	Control Sequence Introducer	ESC [Start of a CSI sequence.	✓
ST	String Terminator	ESC \	Terminator used for string type sequences.	✓
OSC	Operating System Command	ESC]	Start of an OSC sequence.	✓
PM	Privacy Message	ESC ^	Start of a privacy message.	✓
APC	Application Program Command	ESC _	Start of an APC sequence.	✓

OSC

Note: Other than listed in the table, the parser recognizes both ST (ECMA-48) and BEL (xterm) as OSC sequence finalizer.

Identifier	Sequence	Short Description	Support
0	OSC 0 ; Pt BEL	Set window title and icon name. <i>less</i>	<u>Partial</u>
<i>Icon name is not supported. For Window Title see below.</i>			
1	OSC 1 ; Pt BEL	Set icon name.	X
2	OSC 2 ; Pt BEL	Set window title. <i>less</i>	✓
<i>xterm.js does not manipulate the title directly, instead exposes changes via the event <code>Terminal.onTitleChange</code>.</i>			
4	OSC 4 ; c ; spec BEL	Change color number <i>c</i> to the color specified by <i>spec</i> . <i>less</i>	✓
<i>c is the color index between 0 and 255. spec color format is 'rgb:hh/hh/hh' where h are hexadecimal digits. There may be multiple c ; spec elements present in the same instruction, e.g. 1;rgb:10/20/30;2;rgb:a0/b0/c0.</i>			