

Screen VT100/ANSI Terminal Emulator Cheat Sheet

Default Keyboard Shortcuts

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

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<code>ctrl+a m</code> <code>ctrl+a ctrl+m</code>	lastmsg	Repeat the last message displayed in the message line.
<code>ctrl+a M</code>	monitor	Toggles monitoring of the current window.
<code>ctrl+a</code> <code>ctrl+a n</code> <code>ctrl+a ctrl+n</code>	next	Switch to the next window.
<code>ctrl+a N</code>	number	Show the number (and title) of the current window.
<code>ctrl+a ←</code> <code>ctrl+a h</code> <code>ctrl+a p</code> <code>ctrl+a ctrl+p</code>	prev	Switch to the previous window (opposite of <code>ctrl+a n</code>).
<code>ctrl+a q</code> <code>ctrl+a ctrl+q</code>	xon	Send a <code>ctrl+q</code> to the current window.
<code>ctrl+a Q</code>	only	Delete all regions but the current one.
<code>ctrl+a r</code> <code>ctrl+a ctrl+r</code>	wrap	Toggle the current window's line-wrap setting (turn the current window's automatic margins on and off).
<code>ctrl+a s</code> <code>ctrl+a ctrl+s</code>	xoff	Send a <code>ctrl+s</code> to the current window.
<code>ctrl+a S</code>	split	Split the current region into two new ones.
<code>ctrl+a t</code> <code>ctrl+a ctrl+t</code>	time	Show system information.
<code>ctrl+a v</code>	version	Display the version and compilation date.
<code>ctrl+a ctrl+v</code>	digraph	Enter digraph.
<code>ctrl+a w</code> <code>ctrl+a ctrl+w</code>	windows	Show a list of window.
<code>ctrl+a W</code>	width	Toggle 80/132 columns.
<code>ctrl+a x</code> <code>ctrl+a ctrl+x</code>	lockscreen	Lock this terminal.
<code>ctrl+a X</code>	remove	Kill the current region.
<code>ctrl+a z</code> <code>ctrl+a ctrl+z</code>	suspend	Suspend screen. Your system must support BSD-style job-control.
<code>ctrl+a Z</code>	reset	Reset the virtual terminal to its "power-on" values.
<code>ctrl+a .</code>	dumftermcap	Write out a ".termcap" file.
<code>ctrl+a ?</code>	help	Show key bindings.
<code>ctrl+a ctrl+\</code>	quit	Kill all windows and terminate screen.
<code>ctrl+a :</code>	colon	Enter command line mode.
<code>ctrl+a [</code> <code>ctrl+a ctrl+[</code> <code>ctrl+a ⌘</code>	copy	Enter copy/scrollback mode.
<code>ctrl+a]</code>	paste	Write the contents of the paste buffer to the stdin queue of the current window.

Shortcut	Command	Description
<code>ctrl+a{</code> <code>ctrl+a}</code>	history	Copy and paste a previous (command) line.
<code>ctrl+a></code>	writebuf	Write paste buffer to a file.
<code>ctrl+a<</code>	readbuf	Reads the screen-exchange file into the paste buffer.
<code>ctrl+a=</code>	removebuf	Removes the file used by <code>ctrl+a<</code> and <code>ctrl+a></code> .
<code>ctrl+a,</code>	license	Shows where screen comes from, where it went to and why you can use it.
<code>ctrl+a-</code>	silence	Start/stop monitoring the current window for inactivity.
<code>ctrl+a*</code>	displays	Show a listing of all currently attached displays.