

**NAME**

screendump – dump the contents of a virtual console to stdout

**SYNOPSIS**

**screendump** [ *N* ]

**DESCRIPTION**

The **screendump** command dumps the contents of virtual console **N** , (or the current console if **N** is omitted) to standard out.

Just saying

```
cat /dev/vcsN
```

has a similar effect.

**NOTES**

For security reasons, **screendump** uses linux devices "virtual console screen" and "virtual console screen with attributes" to give access for screendump.

Ensure these files exist, using

```
cd /dev for i in 0 1 2 3 ...; do
    mknod vcs$i c 7 $i
    mknod vcsa$i c 7 `expr 128 + $i`
done
```

(filling in the ellipses) and give the device files appropriate permissions, or run **screendump** as root.

**SEE ALSO**

**setterm**(1)