

# Screen VT100/ANSI Terminal Emulator Cheat Sheet

## Default Keyboard Shortcuts

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

Shortcut	Command	Description
<b>C-a q</b> <b>C-a C-q</b>	xon	Send a control-q to the current window.
<b>C-a Q</b>	only	Delete all regions but the current one.
<b>C-a r</b> <b>C-a C-r</b>	wrap	Toggle the current window's line-wrap setting (turn the current window's automatic margins on and off).
<b>C-a s</b> <b>C-a C-s</b>	xoff	Send a control-s to the current window.
<b>C-a S</b>	split	Split the current region into two new ones.
<b>C-a t</b> <b>C-a C-t</b>	time	Show system information.
<b>C-a v</b>	version	Display the version and compilation date.
<b>C-a C-v</b>	digraph	Enter digraph.
<b>C-a w</b> <b>C-a C-w</b>	windows	Show a list of window.
<b>C-a W</b>	width	Toggle 80/132 columns.
<b>C-a x</b> <b>C-a C-x</b>	lockscreen	Lock this terminal.
<b>C-a X</b>	remove	Kill the current region.
<b>C-a z</b> <b>C-a C-z</b>	suspend	Suspend screen. Your system must support BSD-style job-control.
<b>C-a Z</b>	reset	Reset the virtual terminal to its "power-on" values.
<b>C-a .</b>	dumftermcap	Write out a ".termcap" file.
<b>C-a ?</b>	help	Show key bindings.
<b>C-a C-\</b>	quit	Kill all windows and terminate screen.
<b>C-a :</b>	colon	Enter command line mode.
<b>C-a [</b> <b>C-a C-[</b> <b>C-a [ESC]</b>	copy	Enter copy/scrollback mode.
<b>C-a ]</b>	paste .	Write the contents of the paste buffer to the stdin queue of the current window.
<b>C-a {</b> <b>C-a }</b>	history	Copy and paste a previous (command) line.
<b>C-a &gt;</b>	writebuf	Write paste buffer to a file.
<b>C-a &lt;</b>	readbuf	Reads the screen-exchange file into the paste buffer.
<b>C-a =</b>	removebuf	Removes the file used by <b>C-a &lt;</b> and <b>C-a &gt;</b> .
<b>C-a ,</b>	license	Shows where screen comes from, where it went to and why you can use it.
<b>C-a _</b>	silence	Start/stop monitoring the current window for inactivity.
<b>C-a *</b>	displays	Show a listing of all currently attached displays.