

The Default Key Bindings for 'screen'

Each screen command consists of a "C-a" (*Note by ERACC: "C" here means the Ctrl key or an equivalent.*) followed by one other character. For your convenience, all commands that are bound to lower-case letters are also bound to their control character counterparts (with the exception of "C-a a"; see below), thus, "C-a c" as well as "C-a C-c" can be used to create a window. See section "CUSTOMIZATION" for a description of the command.

The following table shows the default key bindings:

C-a ' (select)	Prompt for a window name or number to switch to.
C-a " (windowlist -b)	Present a list of all windows for selection.
C-a 0 (select 0)	
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C-a 9 (select 9)	
C-a - (select -)	Switch to window number 0 - 9, or to the blank window.
C-a tab (focus)	Switch the input focus to the next region.
C-a C-a (other)	Toggle to the window displayed previously. Note that this binding defaults to the command character typed twice, unless overridden. For instance, if you use the option "-e]x", this command becomes "]]".
C-a a (meta)	Send the command character (C-a) to window. See escape command.
C-a A (title)	Allow the user to enter a name for the current window.
C-a b	
C-a C-b (break)	Send a break to window.
C-a B (pow_break)	Reopen the terminal line and send a break.
C-a c	
C-a C-c (screen)	Create a new window with a shell and switch to that window.
C-a C (clear)	Clear the screen.
C-a d	
C-a C-d (detach)	Detach screen from this terminal.
C-a D D (pow_detach)	Detach and logout.
C-a f	
C-a C-f (flow)	Toggle flow on, off or auto.
C-a F (fit)	Resize the window to the current region size.
C-a C-g (vbell)	Toggles screen's visual bell mode.
C-a h (hardcopy)	Write a hardcopy of the current window to the file "hardcopy.n".
C-a H (log)	Begins/ends logging of the current window to the file "screenlog.n".
C-a i	
C-a C-i (info)	Show info about this window.

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C-a k		
C-a C-k	(kill)	Destroy current window.
C-a l		
C-a C-l	(redisplay)	Fully refresh current window.
C-a L	(login)	Toggle this windows login slot. Available only if screen is configured to update the utmp database.
C-a m		
C-a C-m	(lastmsg)	Repeat the last message displayed in the message line.
C-a M	(monitor)	Toggles monitoring of the current window.
C-a space		
C-a n		
C-a C-n	(next)	Switch to the next window.
C-a N	(number)	Show the number (and title) of the current window.
C-a backspace		
C-a h		
C-a p		
C-a C-p	(prev)	Switch to the previous window (opposite of C-a n).
C-a q		
C-a C-q	(xon)	Send a control-q to the current window.
C-a Q	(only)	Delete all regions but the current one.
C-a r		
C-a C-r	(wrap)	Toggle the current window's line-wrap setting (turn the current window's automatic margins on and off).
C-a s		
C-a C-s	(xoff)	Send a control-s to the current window.
C-a S	(split)	Split the current region into two new ones.
C-a t		
C-a C-t	(time)	Show system information.
C-a v	(version)	Display the version and compilation date.
C-a C-v	(digraph)	Enter digraph.
C-a w		
C-a C-w	(windows)	Show a list of window.
C-a W	(width)	Toggle 80/132 columns.
C-a x		
C-a C-x	(lockscreen)	Lock this terminal.
C-a X	(remove)	Kill the current region.
C-a z		
C-a C-z	(suspend)	Suspend screen. Your system must support BSD-style job-control.

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C-a Z	(reset)	Reset the virtual terminal to its "power-on" values.
C-a .	(dumptermcap)	Write out a ".termcap" file.
C-a ?	(help)	Show key bindings.
C-a C-\	(quit)	Kill all windows and terminate screen.
C-a :	(colon)	Enter command line mode.
C-a [C-a C- [C-a esc	(copy)	Enter copy/scrollback mode.
C-a]	(paste .)	Write the contents of the paste buffer to the stdin queue of the current window.
C-a { C-a }	(history)	Copy and paste a previous (command) line.
C-a >	(writebuf)	Write paste buffer to a file.
C-a <	(readbuf)	Reads the screen-exchange file into the paste buffer.
C-a =	(removebuf)	Removes the file used by C-a < and C-a >.
C-a ,	(license)	Shows where screen comes from, where it went to and why you can use it.
C-a _	(silence)	Start/stop monitoring the current window for inactivity.
C-a *	(displays)	Show a listing of all currently attached displays.