

# screen Quick Reference

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## Getting in

start a new screen session: `screen`

attach to a running session: `screen -r`

the "ultimate attach": `screen -dRR` (Attaches to a screen session. If the session is attached elsewhere, detaches that other display. If no session exists, creates one. If multiple sessions exist, uses the first one.)

## Escape key

All screen commands are prefixed by an escape key, by default C-a (that's Control-a, sometimes written ^A). To send a literal C-a to the programs in screen, use C-a a.

## Getting out

detach: C-a d

exit screen: exit all of the programs in screen.

force-exit screen: C-a C-\ (*not recommended*)

## Help

See help: C-a ? (lists keybindings)

## Window Management

create new window: C-a c

change to last active window: C-a C-a

change to window by number: C-a <number> (*only for windows 0 to 9*)

change to window by number or name: C-a ' <number or title>

change to next window in list: C-a n

change to previous window in list: C-a p

see window list: C-a "

kill current window: C-a k (*not recommended*)

## Split screen

split display: C-a S

jump to next display region: C-a tab

remove current region: C-a X

remove all regions but the current one: C-a Q

## Misc

redraw window: C-a C-l

enter copy mode: C-a [ (also used for viewing scrollbar buffer)

paste: C-a ]

monitor window for activity: C-a M

monitor window for silence: C-a \_

enter digraph: C-a C-v

lock (password protect) display: C-a x

enter screen command: C-a :

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