

# Xterm Control Sequences

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## Definitions

$\boxed{c}$  The literal character  $c$ .

$C$  A single (required) character.

$P_s$  A single (usually optional) numeric parameter, composed of one or more digits.

$P_m$  A multiple numeric parameter composed of any number of single numeric parameters, separated by  $\boxed{;}$  character(s). Individual values for the parameters are listed with  $P_s$ .

$P_t$  A text parameter composed of printable characters.

## C1 (8-Bit) Control Characters

The *xterm* program recognizes both 8-bit and 7-bit control characters. It generates 7-bit controls (by default) or 8-bit if S8C1T is enabled. The following pairs of 7-bit and 8-bit control characters are equivalent:

$\boxed{\text{ESC}}\boxed{\text{D}}$   
Index ( $\boxed{\text{IND}}$  is 0x84)

$\boxed{\text{ESC}}\boxed{\text{E}}$   
Next Line ( $\boxed{\text{NEL}}$  is 0x85)

$\boxed{\text{ESC}}\boxed{\text{H}}$   
Tab Set ( $\boxed{\text{HTS}}$  is 0x88)

$\boxed{\text{ESC}}\boxed{\text{M}}$   
Reverse Index ( $\boxed{\text{RI}}$  is 0x8d)

$\boxed{\text{ESC}}\boxed{\text{N}}$   
Single Shift Select of G2 Character Set ( $\boxed{\text{SS2}}$  is 0x8e): affects next character only

$\boxed{\text{ESC}}\boxed{\text{O}}$   
Single Shift Select of G3 Character Set ( $\boxed{\text{SS3}}$  is 0x8f): affects next character only

$\boxed{\text{ESC}}\boxed{\text{P}}$   
Device Control String ( $\boxed{\text{DCS}}$  is 0x90)

<code>ESC</code> <code>V</code>	Start of Guarded Area ( <code>SPA</code> is 0x96)
<code>ESC</code> <code>W</code>	End of Guarded Area ( <code>EPA</code> is 0x97)
<code>ESC</code> <code>X</code>	Start of String ( <code>SOS</code> is 0x98)
<code>ESC</code> <code>Z</code>	Return Terminal ID (DECID is 0x9a). Obsolete form of <code>CSI</code> <code>c</code> (DA).
<code>ESC</code> <code>[</code>	Control Sequence Introducer ( <code>CSI</code> is 0x9b)
<code>ESC</code> <code>\</code>	String Terminator ( <code>ST</code> is 0x9c)
<code>ESC</code> <code>]</code>	Operating System Command ( <code>OSC</code> is 0x9d)
<code>ESC</code> <code>^</code>	Privacy Message ( <code>PM</code> is 0x9e)
<code>ESC</code> <code>_</code>	Application Program Command ( <code>APC</code> is 0x9f)

These control characters are used in the vtXXX emulation.

### VT100 Mode

Most of these control sequences are standard VT102 control sequences, but there is support for later DEC VT terminals (i.e., VT220, VT320, VT420), as well as ISO 6429 and  *aixterm*  color controls. The only VT102 features not supported is auto-repeat, since the only way *X* provides for this will affect all windows. There are additional control sequences to provide *xterm*-dependent functions, such as the scrollbar or window size. Where the function is specified by DEC or ISO 6429, the code assigned to it is given in parentheses. The escape codes to designate and invoke character sets are specified by ISO 2022; see that document for a discussion of character sets.

### Single-character functions

<code>BEL</code>	Bell (Ctrl-G)
<code>BS</code>	Backspace (Ctrl-H)
<code>CR</code>	Carriage Return (Ctrl-M)
<code>ENQ</code>	Return Terminal Status (Ctrl-E). Default response is an empty string, but may be overridden by a resource <b>answerbackString</b> .
<code>FF</code>	Form Feed or New Page (NP) (Ctrl-L) same as LF
<code>LF</code>	Line Feed or New Line (NL) (Ctrl-J)
<code>SO</code>	Shift Out (Ctrl-N) → Switch to Alternate Character Set: invokes the G1 character set.
<code>SP</code>	Space.
<code>TAB</code>	Horizontal Tab (HT) (Ctrl-I)
<code>VT</code>	Vertical Tab (Ctrl-K) same as LF
<code>SI</code>	Shift In (Ctrl-O) → Switch to Standard Character Set: invokes the G0 character set (the default).

**Controls beginning with ESC (other than those where ESC is part of a 7-bit equivalent to 8-bit C1 controls), ordered by the final character(s).**

ESC SP F	7-bit controls (S7C1T).
ESC SP G	8-bit controls (S8C1T).
ESC SP L	Set ANSI conformance level 1 (dpANS X3.134.1).
ESC SP M	Set ANSI conformance level 2 (dpANS X3.134.1).
ESC SP N	Set ANSI conformance level 3 (dpANS X3.134.1).
ESC # 3	DEC double-height line, top half (DECDDL)
ESC # 4	DEC double-height line, bottom half (DECDDL)
ESC # 5	DEC single-width line (DECSWL)
ESC # 6	DEC double-width line (DECDWL)
ESC # 8	DEC Screen Alignment Test (DECALN)
ESC % @	Select default character set, ISO 8859-1 (ISO 2022)
ESC % G	Select UTF-8 character set (ISO 2022)
ESC ( C	Designate G0 Character Set (ISO 2022)
ESC ) C	Designate G1 Character Set (ISO 2022)
ESC * C	Designate G2 Character Set (ISO 2022)
ESC + C	Designate G3 Character Set (ISO 2022)
	Final character <i>C</i> for designating character sets ( <b>0</b> , <b>A</b> and <b>B</b> apply to VT100 and up, the remainder to VT220 and up):
	<i>C</i> = <b>0</b> → DEC Special Character and Line Drawing Set
	<i>C</i> = <b>A</b> → United Kingdom (UK)
	<i>C</i> = <b>B</b> → United States (USASCII)
	<i>C</i> = <b>4</b> → Dutch
	<i>C</i> = <b>C</b> or <b>5</b> → Finnish
	<i>C</i> = <b>R</b> → French
	<i>C</i> = <b>Q</b> → French Canadian
	<i>C</i> = <b>K</b> → German
	<i>C</i> = <b>Y</b> → Italian
	<i>C</i> = <b>E</b> or <b>6</b> → Norwegian/Danish
	<i>C</i> = <b>Z</b> → Spanish
	<i>C</i> = <b>H</b> or <b>7</b> → Swedish
	<i>C</i> = <b>=</b> → Swiss
ESC 7	Save Cursor (DECSC)
ESC 8	Restore Cursor (DECRC)
ESC =	Application Keypad (DECPAM)
ESC >	Normal Keypad (DECPNM)
ESC F	Cursor to lower left corner of screen (if enabled by the <b>hpLowerleftBugCompat</b> resource).
ESC c	Full Reset (RIS)

<code>ESC</code> <code>[</code> <code>I</code>	Memory Lock (per HP terminals). Locks memory above the cursor.
<code>ESC</code> <code>[</code> <code>m</code>	Memory Unlock (per HP terminals)
<code>ESC</code> <code>[</code> <code>n</code>	Invoke the G2 Character Set as GL (LS2).
<code>ESC</code> <code>[</code> <code>o</code>	Invoke the G3 Character Set as GL (LS3).
<code>ESC</code> <code>[</code> <code> </code>	Invoke the G3 Character Set as GR (LS3R).
<code>ESC</code> <code>[</code> <code>}</code>	Invoke the G2 Character Set as GR (LS2R).
<code>ESC</code> <code>[</code> <code>~</code>	Invoke the G1 Character Set as GR (LS1R).

### Application Program-Control functions

`APC` `Ps` `[` `ST` `]` *xterm* implements no `APC` functions;  $P_s$  is ignored.  $P_t$  need not be printable characters.

### Device-Control functions

`DCS` `Ps` `;` `Ps` `[` `I` `]` `Pt` `[` `ST` `]` User-Defined Keys (DECUDK). The first parameter:  
 $P_s = [0]$  → Clear all UDK definitions before starting (default)  
 $P_s = [1]$  → Erase Below (default)

The second parameter:

$P_s = [0]$  → Lock the keys (default)  
 $P_s = [1]$  → Do not lock.

The third parameter is a ';' -separated list of strings denoting the key-code separated by a '/' from the hex-encoded key value. The key codes correspond to the DEC function-key codes (e.g., F6=17).

`DCS` `[` `$` `]` `q` `Pt` `[` `ST` `]` Request Status String (DECRQSS). The string following the "q" is one of the following:

`[` `"` `]` `q` → DECSCA  
`[` `"` `]` `p` → DECSCL  
`[` `r` `]` → DECSTBM  
`[` `m` `]` → SGR

*xterm* responds with `DCS` `[` `1` `]` `[` `$` `]` `[` `r` `]` `Pt` `[` `ST` `]` for valid requests, replacing the  $P_t$  with the corresponding `CSI` string, or `DCS` `[` `0` `]` `[` `$` `]` `[` `r` `]` `Pt` `[` `ST` `]` for invalid requests.

`DCS` `[` `+` `]` `q` `Pt` `[` `ST` `]` Request Termcap/Terminfo String (*xterm*, experimental). The string following the "q" is a list of names encoded in hexadecimal (2 digits per character) separated by `;` which correspond to termcap or terminfo key names.

*xterm* responds with `DCS` `[` `1` `]` `[` `+` `]` `[` `r` `]` `Pt` `[` `ST` `]` for valid requests, adding to  $P_t$  an `[` `=` `]`, and the value of the corresponding string that *xterm* would send, or `DCS` `[` `0` `]` `[` `+` `]` `[` `r` `]` `Pt` `[` `ST` `]` for invalid requests. The strings are encoded in hexadecimal (2 digits per character).

### Functions using `CSI`, ordered by the final character(s)

`CSI` `Ps` `[` `@` `]` Insert  $P_s$  (Blank) Character(s) (default = 1) (ICH)  
`CSI` `Ps` `[` `A` `]` Cursor Up  $P_s$  Times (default = 1) (CUU)  
`CSI` `Ps` `[` `B` `]` Cursor Down  $P_s$  Times (default = 1) (CUD)  
`CSI` `Ps` `[` `C` `]` Cursor Forward  $P_s$  Times (default = 1) (CUF)

<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> D</code>	Cursor Backward $P_s$ Times (default = 1) (CUB)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> E</code>	Cursor Next Line $P_s$ Times (default = 1) (CNL)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> F</code>	Cursor Preceding Line $P_s$ Times (default = 1) (CPL)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> G</code>	Cursor Character Absolute [column] (default = [row,1]) (CHA)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> ; P<sub>s</sub> H</code>	Cursor Position [row;column] (default = [1,1]) (CUP)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> I</code>	Cursor Forward Tabulation $P_s$ tab stops (default = 1) (CHT)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> J</code>	Erase in Display (ED)
	$P_s = 0$ → Erase Below (default)
	$P_s = 1$ → Erase Above
	$P_s = 2$ → Erase All
	$P_s = 3$ → Erase Saved Lines (xterm)
<code>CSI ? P<sub>s</sub> J</code>	Erase in Display (DECSED)
	$P_s = 0$ → Selective Erase Below (default)
	$P_s = 1$ → Selective Erase Above
	$P_s = 2$ → Selective Erase All
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> K</code>	Erase in Line (EL)
	$P_s = 0$ → Erase to Right (default)
	$P_s = 1$ → Erase to Left
	$P_s = 2$ → Erase All
<code>CSI ? P<sub>s</sub> K</code>	Erase in Line (DECSEL)
	$P_s = 0$ → Selective Erase to Right (default)
	$P_s = 1$ → Selective Erase to Left
	$P_s = 2$ → Selective Erase All
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> L</code>	Insert $P_s$ Line(s) (default = 1) (IL)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> M</code>	Delete $P_s$ Line(s) (default = 1) (DL)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> P</code>	Delete $P_s$ Character(s) (default = 1) (DCH)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> S</code>	Scroll up $P_s$ lines (default = 1) (SU)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> T</code>	Scroll down $P_s$ lines (default = 1) (SD)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> ; P<sub>s</sub> ; P<sub>s</sub> ; P<sub>s</sub> ; P<sub>s</sub> T</code>	Initiate highlight mouse tracking. Parameters are [func;startx;starty;firstrow;lastrow]. See the section <b>Mouse Tracking</b> .
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> X</code>	Erase $P_s$ Character(s) (default = 1) (ECH)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> Z</code>	Cursor Backward Tabulation $P_s$ tab stops (default = 1) (CBT)
<code>CSI P<sub>m</sub> `</code>	Character Position Absolute [column] (default = [row,1]) (HPA)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> b</code>	Repeat the preceding graphic character $P_s$ times (REP)
<code>CSI P<sub>s</sub> c</code>	Send Device Attributes (Primary DA)
	$P_s = 0$ or omitted → request attributes from terminal. The response depends on the <b>decTerminalID</b> resource setting.
	→ <code>CSI ? 1 ; 2 c</code> (“VT100 with Advanced Video Option”)
	→ <code>CSI ? 1 ; 0 c</code> (“VT101 with No Options”)
	→ <code>CSI ? 6 c</code> (“VT102”)

→ `CSI ? 6 0 ; 1 ; 2 ; 6 ; 8 ; 9 ; 1 5 ; c`  
 (“VT220”)

The VT100-style response parameters do not mean anything by themselves. VT220 parameters do, telling the host what features the terminal supports:

- `[1]` 132-columns
- `[2]` Printer
- `[6]` Selective erase
- `[8]` User-defined keys
- `[9]` National replacement character sets
- `[1][5]` Technical characters
- `[2][2]` ANSI color, e.g., VT525
- `[2][9]` ANSI text locator (i.e., DEC Locator mode)

`CSI > P_s c`

Send Device Attributes (Secondary DA)

$P_s = [0]$  or omitted → request the terminal’s identification code. The response depends on the **decTerminalID** resource setting. It should apply only to VT220 and up, but *xterm* extends this to VT100.

→ `CSI > P_p ; P_v ; P_c c`

where  $P_p$  denotes the terminal type

- `[0]` (“VT100”)
- `[1]` (“VT220”)

and  $P_v$  is the firmware version (for *xterm*, this is the XFree86 patch number, starting with 95). In a DEC terminal,  $P_c$  indicates the ROM cartridge registration number and is always zero.

`CSI P_m d`

Line Position Absolute [row] (default = [1,column]) (VPA)

`CSI P_s ; P_s f`

Horizontal and Vertical Position [row;column] (default = [1,1]) (HVP)

`CSI P_s g`

Tab Clear (TBC)

- $P_s = [0]$  → Clear Current Column (default)
- $P_s = [3]$  → Clear All

`CSI P_m h`

Set Mode (SM)

- $P_s = [2]$  → Keyboard Action Mode (AM)
- $P_s = [4]$  → Insert Mode (IRM)
- $P_s = [1][2]$  → Send/receive (SRM)
- $P_s = [2][0]$  → Automatic Newline (LNM)

`CSI ? P_m h`

DEC Private Mode Set (DECSET)

- $P_s = [1]$  → Application Cursor Keys (DECCKM)
- $P_s = [2]$  → Designate USASCII for character sets G0-G3 (DECANM), and set VT100 mode.
- $P_s = [3]$  → 132 Column Mode (DECCOLM)
- $P_s = [4]$  → Smooth (Slow) Scroll (DECSCLM)
- $P_s = [5]$  → Reverse Video (DECSCNM)
- $P_s = [6]$  → Origin Mode (DECOM)

$P_s = \boxed{7}$  → Wraparound Mode (DECAWM)

$P_s = \boxed{8}$  → Auto-repeat Keys (DECARM)

$P_s = \boxed{9}$  → Send Mouse X & Y on button press. See the section **Mouse Tracking**.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0}$  → Show toolbar (rxvt)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{2}$  → Start Blinking Cursor (att610)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{8}$  → Print form feed (DECPFF)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{9}$  → Set print extent to full screen (DECPEX)

$P_s = \boxed{2} \boxed{5}$  → Show Cursor (DECTCEM)

$P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{0}$  → Show scrollbar (rxvt).

$P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{5}$  → Enable font-shifting functions (rxvt).

$P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{8}$  → Enter Tektronix Mode (DECTEK)

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{0}$  → Allow 80 ↔ 132 Mode

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{1}$  → *more(1)* fix (see **curses** resource)

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{2}$  → Enable Nation Replacement Character sets (DECNRCM)

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{4}$  → Turn On Margin Bell

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{5}$  → Reverse-wraparound Mode

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{6}$  → Start Logging (normally disabled by a compile-time option)

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{7}$  → Use Alternate Screen Buffer (unless disabled by the **titeInhibit** resource)

$P_s = \boxed{6} \boxed{6}$  → Application keypad (DECNKM)

$P_s = \boxed{6} \boxed{7}$  → Backarrow key sends backspace (DECBKM)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{0}$  → Send Mouse X & Y on button press and release. See the section **Mouse Tracking**.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{1}$  → Use Hilite Mouse Tracking.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{2}$  → Use Cell Motion Mouse Tracking.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{3}$  → Use All Motion Mouse Tracking.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{1} \boxed{0}$  → Scroll to bottom on tty output (rxvt).

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{1} \boxed{1}$  → Scroll to bottom on key press (rxvt).

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{3} \boxed{5}$  → Enable special modifiers for Alt and NumLock keys.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{3} \boxed{6}$  → Send ESC when Meta modifies a key (enables the **metaSend-sEscape** resource).

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{3} \boxed{7}$  → Send DEL from the editing-keypad Delete key

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{4} \boxed{7}$  → Use Alternate Screen Buffer (unless disabled by the **titeInhibit** resource)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{4} \boxed{8}$  → Save cursor as in DECSC (unless disabled by the **titeInhibit** resource)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{4} \boxed{9}$  → Save cursor as in DECSC and use Alternate Screen Buffer, clearing it first (unless disabled by the **titeInhibit** resource). This combines the effects of the  $\boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{4} \boxed{7}$  and  $\boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{4} \boxed{8}$  modes. Use this with terminfo-based applications rather than the  $\boxed{4} \boxed{7}$  mode.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{5} \boxed{1}$  → Set Sun function-key mode.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{5} \boxed{2} \rightarrow$  Set HP function-key mode.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{5} \boxed{3} \rightarrow$  Set SCO function-key mode.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{6} \boxed{0} \rightarrow$  Set legacy keyboard emulation (X11R6).

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{6} \boxed{1} \rightarrow$  Set Sun/PC keyboard emulation of VT220 keyboard.

$P_s = \boxed{2} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{4} \rightarrow$  Set bracketed paste mode.

$\text{CSI } P_m \boxed{i}$

Media Copy (MC)

$P_s = \boxed{0} \rightarrow$  Print screen (default)

$P_s = \boxed{4} \rightarrow$  Turn off printer controller mode

$P_s = \boxed{5} \rightarrow$  Turn on printer controller mode

$\text{CSI } \boxed{?} P_m \boxed{i}$

Media Copy (MC, DEC-specific)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \rightarrow$  Print line containing cursor

$P_s = \boxed{4} \rightarrow$  Turn off autoprnt mode

$P_s = \boxed{5} \rightarrow$  Turn on autoprnt mode

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \rightarrow$  Print composed display, ignores DECPEX

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \rightarrow$  Print all pages

$\text{CSI } P_m \boxed{1}$

Reset Mode (RM)

$P_s = \boxed{2} \rightarrow$  Keyboard Action Mode (AM)

$P_s = \boxed{4} \rightarrow$  Replace Mode (IRM)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{2} \rightarrow$  Send/receive (SRM)

$P_s = \boxed{2} \boxed{0} \rightarrow$  Normal Linefeed (LNM)

$\text{CSI } \boxed{?} P_m \boxed{1}$

DEC Private Mode Reset (DECRST)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \rightarrow$  Normal Cursor Keys (DECCKM)

$P_s = \boxed{2} \rightarrow$  Designate VT52 mode (DECANM).

$P_s = \boxed{3} \rightarrow$  80 Column Mode (DECCOLM)

$P_s = \boxed{4} \rightarrow$  Jump (Fast) Scroll (DECSCLM)

$P_s = \boxed{5} \rightarrow$  Normal Video (DECSCNM)

$P_s = \boxed{6} \rightarrow$  Normal Cursor Mode (DECOM)

$P_s = \boxed{7} \rightarrow$  No Wraparound Mode (DECAWM)

$P_s = \boxed{8} \rightarrow$  No Auto-repeat Keys (DECARM)

$P_s = \boxed{9} \rightarrow$  Don't Send Mouse X & Y on button press

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \rightarrow$  Hide toolbar (rxvt)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{2} \rightarrow$  Stop Blinking Cursor (att610)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{8} \rightarrow$  Don't print form feed (DECPFF)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{9} \rightarrow$  Limit print to scrolling region (DECPEX)

$P_s = \boxed{2} \boxed{5} \rightarrow$  Hide Cursor (DECTCEM)

$P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{0} \rightarrow$  Don't show scrollbar (rxvt).

$P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{5} \rightarrow$  Disable font-shifting functions (rxvt).

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{0} \rightarrow$  Disallow 80 ↔ 132 Mode

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{1} \rightarrow$  No *more(1)* fix (see **curses** resource)

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{2} \rightarrow$  Disable Nation Replacement Character sets (DECNRCM)

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{4} \rightarrow$  Turn Off Margin Bell



$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{5}$  → No Reverse-wraparound Mode

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{6}$  → Stop Logging (normally disabled by a compile-time option)

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{7}$  → Use Normal Screen Buffer

$P_s = \boxed{6} \boxed{6}$  → Numeric keypad (DECNKM)

$P_s = \boxed{6} \boxed{7}$  → Backarrow key sends delete (DECBKM)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{0}$  → Don't Send Mouse X & Y on button press and release. See

the section **Mouse Tracking**.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{1}$  → Don't Use Hilite Mouse Tracking

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{2}$  → Don't Use Cell Motion Mouse Tracking

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{3}$  → Don't Use All Motion Mouse Tracking

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{1} \boxed{0}$  → Don't scroll to bottom on tty output (rxvt).

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{1} \boxed{1}$  → Don't scroll to bottom on key press (rxvt).

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{3} \boxed{5}$  → Disable special modifiers for Alt and NumLock keys.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{3} \boxed{6}$  → Don't send ESC when Meta modifies a key (disables the

**metaSendsEscape** resource).

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{3} \boxed{7}$  → Send VT220 Remove from the editing-keypad Delete key

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{4} \boxed{7}$  → Use Normal Screen Buffer, clearing screen first if in the Alternate Screen (unless disabled by the **titeInhibit** resource)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{4} \boxed{8}$  → Restore cursor as in DECRC (unless disabled by the **titeInhibit** resource)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{4} \boxed{9}$  → Use Normal Screen Buffer and restore cursor as in DECRC (unless disabled by the **titeInhibit** resource). This combines the effects of the

$\boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{4} \boxed{7}$  and  $\boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{4} \boxed{8}$  modes. Use this with terminfo-based applications rather than the  $\boxed{4} \boxed{7}$  mode.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{5} \boxed{1}$  → Reset Sun function-key mode.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{5} \boxed{2}$  → Reset HP function-key mode.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{5} \boxed{3}$  → Reset SCO function-key mode.

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{6} \boxed{0}$  → Reset legacy keyboard emulation (X11R6).

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{6} \boxed{1}$  → Reset Sun/PC keyboard emulation of VT220 keyboard.

$P_s = \boxed{2} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \boxed{4}$  → Reset bracketed paste mode.

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} P_m \boxed{\text{m}}$

Character Attributes (SGR)

$P_s = \boxed{0}$  → Normal (default)

$P_s = \boxed{1}$  → Bold

$P_s = \boxed{4}$  → Underlined

$P_s = \boxed{5}$  → Blink (appears as Bold)

$P_s = \boxed{7}$  → Inverse

$P_s = \boxed{8}$  → Invisible, i.e., hidden (VT300)

$P_s = \boxed{2} \boxed{2}$  → Normal (neither bold nor faint)

$P_s = \boxed{2} \boxed{4}$  → Not underlined

$P_s = \boxed{2} \boxed{5}$  → Steady (not blinking)

$P_s = \boxed{2} \boxed{7}$  → Positive (not inverse)

$P_s = \boxed{2} \boxed{8}$  → Visible, i.e., not hidden (VT300)  
 $P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{0}$  → Set foreground color to Black  
 $P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{1}$  → Set foreground color to Red  
 $P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{2}$  → Set foreground color to Green  
 $P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{3}$  → Set foreground color to Yellow  
 $P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{4}$  → Set foreground color to Blue  
 $P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{5}$  → Set foreground color to Magenta  
 $P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{6}$  → Set foreground color to Cyan  
 $P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{7}$  → Set foreground color to White  
 $P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{9}$  → Set foreground color to default (original)  
 $P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{0}$  → Set background color to Black  
 $P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{1}$  → Set background color to Red  
 $P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{2}$  → Set background color to Green  
 $P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{3}$  → Set background color to Yellow  
 $P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{4}$  → Set background color to Blue  
 $P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{5}$  → Set background color to Magenta  
 $P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{6}$  → Set background color to Cyan  
 $P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{7}$  → Set background color to White  
 $P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{9}$  → Set background color to default (original).

If 16-color support is compiled, the following apply. Assume that *xterm*'s resources are set so that the ISO color codes are the first 8 of a set of 16. Then the *aixterm* colors are the bright versions of the ISO colors:

$P_s = \boxed{9} \boxed{0}$  → Set foreground color to Black  
 $P_s = \boxed{9} \boxed{1}$  → Set foreground color to Red  
 $P_s = \boxed{9} \boxed{2}$  → Set foreground color to Green  
 $P_s = \boxed{9} \boxed{3}$  → Set foreground color to Yellow  
 $P_s = \boxed{9} \boxed{4}$  → Set foreground color to Blue  
 $P_s = \boxed{9} \boxed{5}$  → Set foreground color to Magenta  
 $P_s = \boxed{9} \boxed{6}$  → Set foreground color to Cyan  
 $P_s = \boxed{9} \boxed{7}$  → Set foreground color to White  
 $P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0}$  → Set background color to Black  
 $P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{1}$  → Set background color to Red  
 $P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{2}$  → Set background color to Green  
 $P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{3}$  → Set background color to Yellow  
 $P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{4}$  → Set background color to Blue  
 $P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{5}$  → Set background color to Magenta  
 $P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{6}$  → Set background color to Cyan  
 $P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{7}$  → Set background color to White

If *xterm* is compiled with the 16-color support disabled, it supports the following, from

*rxvt:*

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{0} \rightarrow$  Set foreground and background color to default

If 88- or 256-color support is compiled, the following apply.

$P_s = \boxed{3} \boxed{8} ; \boxed{5} ; P_s \rightarrow$  Set foreground color to the second  $P_s$

$P_s = \boxed{4} \boxed{8} ; \boxed{5} ; P_s \rightarrow$  Set background color to the second  $P_s$

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} P_s \boxed{n}$

Device Status Report (DSR)

$P_s = \boxed{5} \rightarrow$  Status Report  $\boxed{\text{CSI}} \boxed{0} \boxed{n}$  (“OK”)

$P_s = \boxed{6} \rightarrow$  Report Cursor Position (CPR) [row;column] as

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} r ; c \boxed{\text{R}}$

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} \boxed{?} P_s \boxed{n}$

Device Status Report (DSR, DEC-specific)

$P_s = \boxed{6} \rightarrow$  Report Cursor Position (CPR) [row;column] as  $\boxed{\text{CSI}} \boxed{?} r ; c \boxed{\text{R}}$

(assumes page is zero).

$P_s = \boxed{1} \boxed{5} \rightarrow$  Report Printer status as  $\boxed{\text{CSI}} \boxed{?} \boxed{1} \boxed{0} \boxed{n}$  (ready) or

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} \boxed{?} \boxed{1} \boxed{1} \boxed{n}$  (not ready)

$P_s = \boxed{2} \boxed{5} \rightarrow$  Report UDK status as  $\boxed{\text{CSI}} \boxed{?} \boxed{2} \boxed{0} \boxed{n}$  (unlocked) or

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} \boxed{?} \boxed{2} \boxed{1} \boxed{n}$  (locked)

$P_s = \boxed{2} \boxed{6} \rightarrow$  Report Keyboard status as

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} \boxed{?} \boxed{2} \boxed{7} ; \boxed{1} ; \boxed{0} ; \boxed{0} \boxed{n}$  (North American)

The last two parameters apply to VT400 & up, and denote keyboard ready and LK01 respectively.

$P_s = \boxed{5} \boxed{3} \rightarrow$  Report Locator status as

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} \boxed{?} \boxed{5} \boxed{3} \boxed{n}$  Locator available, if compiled-in, or

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} \boxed{?} \boxed{5} \boxed{0} \boxed{n}$  No Locator, if not.

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} \boxed{!} \boxed{p}$

Soft terminal reset (DECSTR)

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} P_s ; P_s \boxed{“} \boxed{p}$

Set conformance level (DECSCCL) Valid values for the first parameter:

$P_s = \boxed{6} \boxed{1} \rightarrow$  VT100

$P_s = \boxed{6} \boxed{2} \rightarrow$  VT200

$P_s = \boxed{6} \boxed{3} \rightarrow$  VT300

Valid values for the second parameter:

$P_s = \boxed{0} \rightarrow$  8-bit controls

$P_s = \boxed{1} \rightarrow$  7-bit controls (always set for VT100)

$P_s = \boxed{2} \rightarrow$  8-bit controls

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} P_s \boxed{“} \boxed{q}$

Select character protection attribute (DECSCA). Valid values for the parameter:

$P_s = \boxed{0} \rightarrow$  DECSED and DECSEL can erase (default)

$P_s = \boxed{1} \rightarrow$  DECSED and DECSEL cannot erase

$P_s = \boxed{2} \rightarrow$  DECSED and DECSEL can erase

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} P_s ; P_s \boxed{r}$

Set Scrolling Region [top;bottom] (default = full size of window) (DECSTBM)

$\boxed{\text{CSI}} \boxed{?} P_m \boxed{r}$

Restore DEC Private Mode Values. The value of  $P_s$  previously saved is restored.  $P_s$  values are the same as for DECSET.

`CSI Pl ; Pl ; Pb ; Pr ; Ps $ r`

Change Attributes in Rectangular Area (DECCARA).

`Pl ; Pl ; Pb ; Pr` denotes the rectangle.

`Ps` denotes the SGR attributes to change: 0, 1, 4, 5, 7

`CSI s`

Save cursor (ANSI.SYS)

`CSI ? Pm s`

Save DEC Private Mode Values. `Ps` values are the same as for DECSET.

`CSI Ps ; Ps ; Ps t`

Window manipulation (from *dterm*, as well as extensions). These controls may be disabled using the *allowWindowOps* resource. Valid values for the first (and any additional parameters) are:

`Ps = 1` → De-iconify window.

`Ps = 2` → Iconify window.

`Ps = 3 ; x ; y` → Move window to [x, y].

`Ps = 4 ; height ; width` → Resize the *xterm* window to height and width in pixels.

`Ps = 5` → Raise the *xterm* window to the front of the stacking order.

`Ps = 6` → Lower the *xterm* window to the bottom of the stacking order.

`Ps = 7` → Refresh the *xterm* window.

`Ps = 8 ; height ; width` → Resize the text area to [height;width] in characters.

`Ps = 9 ; 0` → Restore maximized window.

`Ps = 9 ; 1` → Maximize window (i.e., resize to screen size).

`Ps = 1 1` → Report *xterm* window state. If the *xterm* window is open (non-iconified), it returns `CSI 1 t`. If the *xterm* window is iconified, it returns `CSI 2 t`.

`Ps = 1 3` → Report *xterm* window position as `CSI 3 ; x ; y t`

`Ps = 1 4` → Report *xterm* window in pixels as `CSI 4 ; height ; width t`

`Ps = 1 8` → Report the size of the text area in characters as

`CSI 8 ; height ; width t`

`Ps = 1 9` → Report the size of the screen in characters as

`CSI 9 ; height ; width t`

`Ps = 2 0` → Report *xterm* window's icon label as `OSC L label ST`

`Ps = 2 1` → Report *xterm* window's title as `OSC 1 title ST`

`Ps >= 2 4` → Resize to `Ps` lines (DECSLPP)

`CSI Pl ; Pl ; Pb ; Pr ; Ps $ t`

Reverse Attributes in Rectangular Area (DECRARA).

`Pl ; Pl ; Pb ; Pr` denotes the rectangle.

`Ps` denotes the attributes to reverse. 1, 4, 5, 7

`CSI u`

Save cursor (ANSI.SYS)

`CSI Pl ; Pl ; Pb ; Pr ; Pp ; Pl ; Pl ; Pp $ v`

Copy Rectangular Area (DECCRA)

`Pl ; Pl ; Pb ; Pr` denotes the rectangle.

`Pp` denotes the source page.

`Pl ; Pl` denotes the target location.

`Pp` denotes the target page.

`CSI Pt ; Pl ; Pb ; Pr ' w`

Enable Filter Rectangle (DECEFR)

Parameters are [top;left;bottom;right].

Defines the coordinates of a filter rectangle and activates it. Anytime the locator is detected outside of the filter rectangle, an outside rectangle event is generated and the rectangle is disabled. Filter rectangles are always treated as "one-shot" events. Any parameters that are omitted default to the current locator position. If all parameters are omitted, any locator motion will be reported. DECELR always cancels any previous rectangle definition.

`CSI Ps x`

Request Terminal Parameters (DECREQTPARM)

if  $P_s$  is a "0" (default) or "1", and **xterm** is emulating VT100, the control sequence elicits a response of the same form whose parameters describe the terminal:

$P_s \rightarrow$  the given  $P_s$  incremented by 2.

`1`  $\rightarrow$  no parity

`1`  $\rightarrow$  eight bits

`1 2 8`  $\rightarrow$  transmit 38.4k baud

`1 2 8`  $\rightarrow$  receive 38.4k baud

`1`  $\rightarrow$  clock multiplier

`0`  $\rightarrow$  STP flags

`CSI Ps x`

Select Attribute Change Extent (DECSACE).

$P_s = 0$   $\rightarrow$  from start to end position, wrapped

$P_s = 1$   $\rightarrow$  from start to end position, wrapped

$P_s = 2$   $\rightarrow$  rectangle (exact).

`CSI Pc ; Pl ; Pb ; Pr $ x`

Fill Rectangular Area (DECFFRA).

$P_c$  is the character to use.

$P_l ; P_l ; P_b ; P_r$  denotes the rectangle.

`CSI Ps ; Pu ' z`

Enable Locator Reporting (DECELR)

Valid values for the first parameter:

$P_s = 0$   $\rightarrow$  Locator disabled (default)

$P_s = 1$   $\rightarrow$  Locator enabled

$P_s = 2$   $\rightarrow$  Locator enabled for one report, then disabled

The second parameter specifies the coordinate unit for locator reports.

Valid values for the second parameter:

$P_u = 0$  or omitted  $\rightarrow$  default to character cells

$P_u = 1$   $\rightarrow$  device physical pixels

$P_u = 2$   $\rightarrow$  character cells

`CSI Pl ; Pl ; Pb ; Pr $ z`

Erase Rectangular Area (DECERA).

$P_l ; P_l ; P_b ; P_r$  denotes the rectangle.

$\text{CSI } P_m \text{ ' } \{$ 

Select Locator Events (DECSLE)

Valid values for the first (and any additional parameters) are:

 $P_s = \boxed{0}$  → only respond to explicit host requests (DECRQLP)

(default) also cancels any filter rectangle

 $P_s = \boxed{1}$  → report button down transitions

 $P_s = \boxed{2}$  → do not report button down transitions

 $P_s = \boxed{3}$  → report button up transitions

 $P_s = \boxed{4}$  → do not report button up transitions

 $\text{CSI } P_l ; P_t ; P_b ; P_r \$ \{$ 

Selective Erase Rectangular Area (DECSERA).

 $P_l ; P_t ; P_b ; P_r$  denotes the rectangle.

 $\text{CSI } P_s \text{ ' } |$ 

Request Locator Position (DECRQLP)

Valid values for the parameter are:

 $P_s = \boxed{0}$ , 1 or omitted → transmit a single DECLRP locator report

If Locator Reporting has been enabled by a DECELRL, xterm will respond with a DECLRP Locator Report. This report is also generated on button up and down events if they have been enabled with a DECSLE, or when the locator is detected outside of a filter rectangle, if filter rectangles have been enabled with a DECEFR.

 $\rightarrow \text{CSI } P_e ; P_b ; P_r ; P_c ; P_p \& w$ 

Parameters are [event;button;row;column;page].

Valid values for the event:

 $P_e = \boxed{0}$  → locator unavailable - no other parameters sent

 $P_e = \boxed{1}$  → request - xterm received a DECRQLP

 $P_e = \boxed{2}$  → left button down

 $P_e = \boxed{3}$  → left button up

 $P_e = \boxed{4}$  → middle button down

 $P_e = \boxed{5}$  → middle button up

 $P_e = \boxed{6}$  → right button down

 $P_e = \boxed{7}$  → right button up

 $P_e = \boxed{8}$  → M4 button down

 $P_e = \boxed{9}$  → M4 button up

 $P_e = \boxed{1} \boxed{0}$  → locator outside filter rectangle

“button” parameter is a bitmask indicating which buttons are pressed:

 $P_b = \boxed{0}$  → no buttons down

 $P_b \& \boxed{1}$  → right button down

 $P_b \& \boxed{2}$  → middle button down

 $P_b \& \boxed{4}$  → left button down

 $P_b \& \boxed{8}$  → M4 button down

“row” and “column” parameters are the coordinates of the locator position in the xterm window, encoded as ASCII decimal.

The “page” parameter is not used by xterm, and will be omitted.

### Operating System Controls

$\text{OSC } P_s ; P_t \text{ ST}$

$\text{OSC } P_s ; P_t \text{ BEL}$

Set Text Parameters. For colors and font, if  $P_t$  is a "?", the control sequence elicits a response which consists of the control sequence which would set the corresponding value. The *dterm* control sequences allow you to determine the icon name and window title.

$P_s = \boxed{0}$  → Change Icon Name and Window Title to  $P_t$

$P_s = \boxed{1}$  → Change Icon Name to  $P_t$

$P_s = \boxed{2}$  → Change Window Title to  $P_t$

$P_s = \boxed{3}$  → Set X property on top-level window.  $P_t$  should be in the form "*prop=value*", or just "*prop*" to delete the property

$P_s = \boxed{4} ; c ; spec$  → Change Color Number  $c$  to the color specified by *spec*, i.e., a name or RGB specification as per *XParseColor*. Any number of  $c$  *name* pairs may be given. The color numbers correspond to the ANSI colors 0-7, their bright versions 8-15, and if supported, the remainder of the 88-color or 256-color table.

If a "?" is given rather than a name or RGB specification, xterm replies with a control sequence of the same form which can be used to set the corresponding color. Because more than one pair of color number and specification can be given in one control sequence, **xterm** can make more than one reply.

The 8 colors which may be set using  $\boxed{1}\boxed{0}$  through  $\boxed{1}\boxed{7}$  are denoted *dynamic colors*, since the corresponding control sequences were the first means for setting **xterm**'s colors dynamically, i.e., after it was started. They are not the same as the ANSI colors. One or more parameters is expected for  $P_t$ . Each successive parameter changes the next color in the list. The value of  $P_s$  tells the starting point in the list. The colors are specified by name or RGB specification as per *XParseColor*.

If a "?" is given rather than a name or RGB specification, xterm replies with a control sequence of the same form which can be used to set the corresponding dynamic color. Because more than one pair of color number and specification can be given in one control sequence, **xterm** can make more than one reply.

$P_s = \boxed{1}\boxed{0}$  → Change VT100 text foreground color to  $P_t$

$P_s = \boxed{1}\boxed{1}$  → Change VT100 text background color to  $P_t$

$P_s = \boxed{1}\boxed{2}$  → Change text cursor color to  $P_t$

$P_s = \boxed{1}\boxed{3}$  → Change mouse foreground color to  $P_t$

$P_s = \boxed{1}\boxed{4}$  → Change mouse background color to  $P_t$

$P_s = \boxed{1}\boxed{5}$  → Change Tektronix foreground color to  $P_t$

$P_s = \boxed{1}\boxed{6}$  → Change Tektronix background color to  $P_t$

$P_s = \boxed{1}\boxed{7}$  → Change highlight color to  $P_t$

$P_s = \boxed{1}\boxed{8}$  → Change Tektronix cursor color to  $P_t$

$P_s = \boxed{4}\boxed{6}$  → Change Log File to  $P_t$  (normally disabled by a compile-time option)

$P_s = \boxed{5}\boxed{0}$  → Set Font to  $P_t$  If  $P_t$  begins with a "#", index in the font menu, relative (if the next character is a plus or minus sign) or absolute. A number is expected but not required after the sign (the default is the current entry for relative, zero for absolute indexing).

$P_s = \boxed{5}\boxed{1}$  (reserved for Emacs shell)

$P_s = \boxed{5}\boxed{2}$  → Manipulate Selection Data. These controls may be disabled using the *allowWindowOps* resource. The parameter  $P_t$  is parsed as

$P_d ; P_d$

The first,  $P_c$ , may contain any character from the set  $\boxed{c}\boxed{p}\boxed{s}\boxed{0}\boxed{1}\boxed{2}\boxed{3}\boxed{4}\boxed{5}\boxed{6}\boxed{7}$ . It is used to construct a list of selection parameters for clipboard, primary, select, or cut buffers 0 through 8 respectively, in the order given. If the parameter is empty, *xterm* uses  $\boxed{s}\boxed{0}$ , to specify the configurable primary/clipboard selection and cut buffer 0.

The second parameter,  $P_d$ , gives the selection data. Normally this is a string encoded in base64. The data becomes the new selection, which is then available for pasting by other applications.

If the second parameter is a  $\boxed{?}$ , *xterm* replies to the host with the selection data encoded using the same protocol.

### Privacy Message

$\boxed{PM}P_t\boxed{ST}$

*xterm* implements no  $\boxed{PM}$  functions;  $P_t$  is ignored.  $P_t$  need not be printable characters.

### PC-Style Function Keys

If *xterm* does minimal translation of the function keys, it usually does this with a PC-style keyboard, so PC-style function keys result. Sun keyboards are similar to PC keyboards. Both have cursor and scrolling operations printed on the keypad, which duplicate the smaller cursor and scrolling keypads.

X does not predefine NumLock (used for VT220 keyboards) or Alt (used as an extension for the Sun/PC keyboards) as modifiers. These keys are recognized as modifiers when enabled by the **numLock** resource, or by the DECSET  $\boxed{1}\boxed{0}\boxed{3}\boxed{5}$  control sequence.

The cursor keys transmit the following escape sequences depending on the mode specified via the **DECCKM** escape sequence.



Key	Normal		Application	
Cursor Up	CSI	A	SS3	A
Cursor Down	CSI	B	SS3	B
Cursor Right	CSI	C	SS3	C
Cursor Left	CSI	D	SS3	D

The home- and end-keys (unlike PageUp and other keys also on the 6-key editing keypad) are considered "cursor keys" by *xterm*. Their mode is also controlled by the **DECCKM** escape sequence:

Key	Normal		Application	
Home	CSI	H	SS3	H
End	CSI	F	SS3	F

The application keypad transmits the following escape sequences depending on the mode specified via the **DECPNM** and **DECPAM** escape sequences. Use the NumLock key to override the application mode.

Not all keys are present on the Sun/PC keypad (e.g., PF1, Tab), but are supported by the program.

Key	Numeric	Application	Terminfo	Termcap
Space	SP	SS3 SP	-	-
Tab	TAB	SS3 I	-	-
Enter	CR	SS3 M	kent	@8
PF1	SS3 P	SS3 P	kf1	k1
PF2	SS3 Q	SS3 Q	kf2	k2
PF3	SS3 R	SS3 R	kf3	k3
PF4	SS3 S	SS3 S	kf4	k4
* (multiply)	*	SS3 j	-	-
+ (add)	+	SS3 k	-	-
, (comma)	,	SS3 l	-	-
- (minus)	-	SS3 m	-	-
. (Delete)	.	CSI 3 ~	-	-
/ (divide)	/	SS3 o	-	-
0 (Insert)	0	CSI 2 ~	-	-
1 (End)	1	SS3 F	kc1	K4
2 (DownArrow)	2	CSI B	-	-
3 (PageDown)	3	CSI 6 ~	kc3	K5
4 (LeftArrow)	4	CSI D	-	-
5 (Begin)	5	CSI E	kb2	K2
6 (RightArrow)	6	CSI C	-	-
7 (Home)	7	SS3 H	ka1	K1
8 (UpArrow)	8	CSI A	-	-
9 (PageUp)	9	CSI 5 ~	ka3	K3
= (equal)	=	SS3 X	-	-

They also provide 12 function keys, as well as a few other special-purpose keys.

Key	Escape Sequence		
F1	SS3	P	
F2	SS3	Q	
F3	SS3	R	
F4	SS3	S	
F5	CSI	1 5	~
F6	CSI	1 7	~
F7	CSI	1 8	~
F8	CSI	1 9	~
F9	CSI	2 0	~

<b>F10</b>	CSI	2	1	~
<b>F11</b>	CSI	2	3	~
<b>F12</b>	CSI	2	4	~

Older versions of *xterm* implement different escape sequences for F1 through F4. These can be activated by setting the **oldXtermFKeys** resource. However, since they do not correspond to any hardware terminal, they have been deprecated. (The DEC VT220 reserves F1 through F5 for local functions such as **Setup**).

Key	Escape Sequence			
<b>F1</b>	CSI	1	1	~
<b>F2</b>	CSI	1	2	~
<b>F3</b>	CSI	1	3	~
<b>F4</b>	CSI	1	4	~

In normal mode, i.e., a Sun/PC keyboard when the **sunKeyboard** resource is false, *xterm* recognizes function key modifiers which are parameters appended before the final character of the control sequence.

Code	Modifiers
2	Shift
3	Alt
4	Shift + Alt
5	Control
6	Shift + Control
7	Alt + Control
8	Shift + Alt + Control

For example, shift-F5 would be sent as 

CSI	1	5	;	2	~
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If the **alwaysUseMods** resource is set, the Meta modifier also is recognized, making parameters 9 through 16.

**VT220-Style Function Keys**

However, *xterm* is most useful as a DEC VT102 or VT220 emulator. Set the **sunKeyboard** resource to true to force a Sun/PC keyboard to act like a VT220 keyboard.

The VT102/VT220 application keypad transmits unique escape sequences in application mode, which are distinct from the cursor and scrolling keypad:

Key	Numeric		Application	
<b>Space</b>	SP		SS3	SP
<b>Tab</b>	TAB		SS3	I
<b>Enter</b>	CR		SS3	M
<b>PF1</b>	SS3	P	SS3	P
<b>PF2</b>	SS3	Q	SS3	Q
<b>PF3</b>	SS3	R	SS3	R
<b>PF4</b>	SS3	S	SS3	S
* (multiply)	*		SS3	j
+ (add)	+		SS3	k
, (comma)	,		SS3	l
- (minus)	-		SS3	m
. (period)	.		SS3	n
/ (divide)	/		SS3	o
<b>0</b>	0		SS3	p
<b>1</b>	1		SS3	q
<b>2</b>	2		SS3	r
<b>3</b>	3		SS3	s

<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	SS3	<b>t</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	SS3	<b>u</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	SS3	<b>v</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	SS3	<b>w</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	SS3	<b>x</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	SS3	<b>y</b>
<b>= (equal)</b>	<b>=</b>	SS3	<b>X</b>

The VT220 provides a 6-key editing keypad, which is analogous to that on the PC keyboard. It is not affected by DECCKM or DECPNM/DECPAM:

Key	Normal			Application		
Insert	CSI	<b>2</b>	~	CSI	<b>2</b>	~
Delete	CSI	<b>3</b>	~	CSI	<b>3</b>	~
Home	CSI	<b>1</b>	~	CSI	<b>1</b>	~
End	CSI	<b>4</b>	~	CSI	<b>4</b>	~
PageUp	CSI	<b>5</b>	~	CSI	<b>5</b>	~
PageDown	CSI	<b>6</b>	~	CSI	<b>6</b>	~

The VT220 provides 8 additional function keys. With a Sun/PC keyboard, access these keys by Control/F1 for F13, etc.

Key	Escape Sequence			
<b>F13</b>	CSI	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	~
<b>F14</b>	CSI	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	~
<b>F15</b>	CSI	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	~
<b>F16</b>	CSI	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	~
<b>F17</b>	CSI	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	~
<b>F18</b>	CSI	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	~
<b>F19</b>	CSI	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	~
<b>F20</b>	CSI	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	~

**VT52-Style Function Keys**

A VT52 does not have function keys, but it does have a numeric keypad and cursor keys. They differ from the other emulations by the prefix. Also, the cursor keys do not change:

Key	Normal/Application	
<b>Cursor Up</b>	ESC	<b>A</b>
<b>Cursor Down</b>	ESC	<b>B</b>
<b>Cursor Right</b>	ESC	<b>C</b>
<b>Cursor Left</b>	ESC	<b>D</b>

The keypad is similar:

Key	Numeric		Application	
Space	SP		ESC	<b>?</b> SP
Tab	TAB		ESC	<b>?</b> <b>I</b>
Enter	CR		ESC	<b>?</b> <b>M</b>
PF1	ESC	<b>P</b>	ESC	<b>P</b>
PF2	ESC	<b>Q</b>	ESC	<b>Q</b>
PF3	ESC	<b>R</b>	ESC	<b>R</b>
PF4	ESC	<b>S</b>	ESC	<b>S</b>
* (multiply)	*		ESC	<b>?</b> <b>j</b>
+ (add)	+		ESC	<b>?</b> <b>k</b>

, (comma)	,	ESC	?	l
- (minus)	-	ESC	?	m
. (period)	.	ESC	?	n
/ (divide)	/	ESC	?	o
0	0	ESC	?	p
1	1	ESC	?	q
2	2	ESC	?	r
3	3	ESC	?	s
4	4	ESC	?	t
5	5	ESC	?	u
6	6	ESC	?	v
7	7	ESC	?	w
8	8	ESC	?	x
9	9	ESC	?	y
= (equal)	=	ESC	?	X

### Sun-Style Function Keys

The *xterm* program provides support for Sun keyboards more directly, by a menu toggle that causes it to send Sun-style function key codes rather than VT220. Note, however, that the *sun* and *VT100* emulations are not really compatible. For example, their wrap-margin behavior differs.

Only function keys are altered; keypad and cursor keys are the same. The emulation responds identically. See the *xterm-sun* terminfo entry for details.

### HP-Style Function Keys

Similarly, *xterm* can be compiled to support HP keyboards. See the *xterm-hp* terminfo entry for details.

### The Alternate Screen Buffer

**Xterm** maintains two screen buffers. The normal screen buffer allows you to scroll back to view saved lines of output up to the maximum set by the **saveLines** resource. The alternate screen buffer is exactly as large as the display, contains no additional saved lines. When the alternate screen buffer is active, you cannot scroll back to view saved lines. **Xterm** provides control sequences and menu entries for switching between the two.

Most full-screen applications use terminfo or termcap to obtain strings used to start/stop full-screen mode, i.e., *smcup* and *rmcup* for terminfo, or the corresponding *ti* and *te* for termcap. The **titeInhibit** resource removes the *ti* and *te* strings from the TERMCAP string which is set in the environment for some platforms. That is not done when **xterm** is built with terminfo libraries because terminfo does not provide the whole text of the termcap data in one piece. It would not work for terminfo anyway, since terminfo data is not passed in environment variables; setting an environment variable in this manner would have no effect on the application's ability to switch between normal and alternate screen buffers. Instead, the newer private mode controls (such as `[1][0][4][9]`) for switching between normal and alternate screen buffers simply disable the switching. They add other features such as clearing the display for the same reason: to make the details of switching independent of the application that requests the switch.

### Bracketed Paste Mode

When bracketed paste mode is set, pasted text is bracketed with control sequences so that the program can differentiate pasted text from typed-in text. When bracketed paste mode is set, the program will receive: ESC [ 200 ~, followed by the pasted text, followed by ESC [ 201 ~.

### Mouse Tracking

The VT widget can be set to send the mouse position and other information on button presses. These modes are typically used by editors and other full-screen applications that want to make use of the mouse.

There are six mutually exclusive modes. One is DEC Locator mode, enabled by the DECELRL `[CSI]P_s[;]P_s[z]`

control sequence, and is not described here (control sequences are summarized above). The remaining five modes are each enabled (or disabled) by a different parameter in DECSET `CSI [?] Pm h` or DECRST `CSI [?] Pm I` control sequence.

Manifest constants for the parameter values are defined in `xcharmouse.h` as follows:

```
#define SET_X10_MOUSE          9
#define SET_VT200_MOUSE       1000
#define SET_VT200_HIGHLIGHT_MOUSE 1001
#define SET_BTN_EVENT_MOUSE    1002
#define SET_ANY_EVENT_MOUSE    1003
```

The motion reporting modes are strictly *xterm* extensions, and are not part of any standard, though they are analogous to the DEC VT200 DECELRL locator reports.

Parameters (such as pointer position and button number) for all mouse tracking escape sequences generated by *xterm* encode numeric parameters in a single character as *value*+32. For example, `!` specifies the value 1. The upper left character position on the terminal is denoted as 1,1.

X10 compatibility mode sends an escape sequence only on button press, encoding the location and the mouse button pressed. It is enabled by specifying parameter 9 to DECSET. On button press, *xterm* sends `CSI [M] Cb Cx Cy` (6 characters). *C<sub>b</sub>* is button-1. *C<sub>x</sub>* and *C<sub>y</sub>* are the x and y coordinates of the mouse when the button was pressed.

Normal tracking mode sends an escape sequence on both button press and release. Modifier key (shift, ctrl, meta) information is also sent. It is enabled by specifying parameter 1000 to DECSET. On button press or release, *xterm* sends `CSI [M] Cb Cx Cy`. The low two bits of *C<sub>b</sub>* encode button information: 0=MB1 pressed, 1=MB2 pressed, 2=MB3 pressed, 3=release. The next three bits encode the modifiers which were down when the button was pressed and are added together: 4=Shift, 8=Meta, 16=Control. Note however that the shift and control bits are normally unavailable because *xterm* uses the control modifier with mouse for popup menus, and the shift modifier is used in the default translations for button events. The *Meta* modifier recognized by *xterm* is the *mod1* mask, and is not necessarily the "Meta" key (see *xmodmap*). *C<sub>x</sub>* and *C<sub>y</sub>* are the x and y coordinates of the mouse event, encoded as in X10 mode.

Wheel mice may return buttons 4 and 5. Those buttons are represented by the same event codes as buttons 1 and 2 respectively, except that 64 is added to the event code. Release events for the wheel buttons are not reported.

Mouse highlight tracking notifies a program of a button press, receives a range of lines from the program, highlights the region covered by the mouse within that range until button release, and then sends the program the release coordinates. It is enabled by specifying parameter 1001 to DECSET. Highlighting is performed only for button 1, though other button events can be received. **Warning:** use of this mode requires a cooperating program or it will hang *xterm*. On button press, the same information as for normal tracking is generated; *xterm* then waits for the program to send mouse tracking information. *All X events are ignored until the proper escape sequence is received from the pty:* `CSI Ps ; Ps ; Ps ; Ps ; Ps T`. The parameters are *func*, *startx*, *starty*, *firstrow*, and *lastrow*. *func* is non-zero to initiate highlight tracking and zero to abort. *startx* and *starty* give the starting x and y location for the highlighted region. The ending location tracks the mouse, but will never be above row *firstrow* and will always be above row *lastrow*. (The top of the screen is row 1.) When the button is released, *xterm* reports the ending position one of two ways: if the start and end coordinates are valid text locations: `CSI [t] Cx Cy`. If either coordinate is past the end of the line: `CSI [T] Cx Cy Cx Cy Cx Cy`. The parameters are *startx*, *starty*, *endx*, *endy*, *mousex*, and *mousey*. *startx*, *starty*, *endx*, and *endy* give the starting and ending character positions of the region. *mousex* and *mousey* give the location of the mouse at button up, which may not be over a character.

Button-event tracking is essentially the same as normal tracking, but *xterm* also reports button-motion events. Motion events are reported only if the mouse pointer has moved to a different character cell. It is enabled by specifying parameter 1002 to DECSET. On button press or release, *xterm* sends the same codes used by normal tracking mode. On button-motion events, *xterm* adds 32 to the event code (the third character, *C<sub>b</sub>*). The other bits of the event code specify button and modifier keys as in normal mode. For example, motion into cell x,y with button 1 down is

reported as  $\text{CSI} \text{M} \text{@} C_x C_y$ . ( $\text{@}$  = 32 + 0 (button 1) + 32 (motion indicator) ). Similarly, motion with button 3 down is reported as  $\text{CSI} \text{M} \text{B} C_x C_y$ . ( $\text{B}$  = 32 + 2 (button 3) + 32 (motion indicator) ).

Any-event mode is the same as button-event mode, except that all motion events are reported, even if no mouse button is down. It is enabled by specifying 1003 to DECSET.

### Tektronix 4014 Mode

Most of these sequences are standard Tektronix 4014 control sequences. Graph mode supports the 12-bit addressing of the Tektronix 4014. The major features missing are the write-through and defocused modes. This document does not describe the commands used in the various Tektronix plotting modes but does describe the commands to switch modes.

$\text{BEL}$	Bell (Ctrl-G)
$\text{BS}$	Backspace (Ctrl-H)
$\text{TAB}$	Horizontal Tab (Ctrl-I)
$\text{LF}$	Line Feed or New Line (Ctrl-J)
$\text{VT}$	Cursor up (Ctrl-K)
$\text{FF}$	Form Feed or New Page (Ctrl-L)
$\text{CR}$	Carriage Return (Ctrl-M)
$\text{ESC} \text{ETX}$	Switch to VT100 Mode (ESC Ctrl-C)
$\text{ESC} \text{ENQ}$	Return Terminal Status (ESC Ctrl-E)
$\text{ESC} \text{FF}$	PAGE (Clear Screen) (ESC Ctrl-L)
$\text{ESC} \text{SO}$	Begin 4015 APL mode (ignored by <i>xterm</i> ) (ESC Ctrl-N)
$\text{ESC} \text{SI}$	End 4015 APL mode (ignored by <i>xterm</i> ) (ESC Ctrl-O)
$\text{ESC} \text{ETB}$	COPY (Save Tektronix Codes to file COPYyyyy-mm-dd.hh:mm:ss) (ESC Ctrl-W)
$\text{ESC} \text{CAN}$	Bypass Condition (ESC Ctrl-X)
$\text{ESC} \text{SUB}$	GIN mode (ESC Ctrl-Z)
$\text{ESC} \text{FS}$	Special Point Plot Mode (ESC Ctrl-\)
$\text{ESC} \text{8}$	Select Large Character Set
$\text{ESC} \text{9}$	Select #2 Character Set
$\text{ESC} \text{:}$	Select #3 Character Set
$\text{ESC} \text{;}$	Select Small Character Set
$\text{OSC} P_s \text{; } P_t \text{BEL}$	Set Text Parameters of VT window
	$P_s = \text{0}$ → Change Icon Name and Window Title to $P_t$
	$P_s = \text{1}$ → Change Icon Name to $P_t$
	$P_s = \text{2}$ → Change Window Title to $P_t$
	$P_s = \text{4} \text{6}$ → Change Log File to $P_t$ (normally disabled by a compile-time option)
$\text{ESC} \text{~}$	Normal Z Axis and Normal (solid) Vectors
$\text{ESC} \text{a}$	Normal Z Axis and Dotted Line Vectors
$\text{ESC} \text{b}$	Normal Z Axis and Dot-Dashed Vectors
$\text{ESC} \text{c}$	Normal Z Axis and Short-Dashed Vectors
$\text{ESC} \text{d}$	Normal Z Axis and Long-Dashed Vectors
$\text{ESC} \text{h}$	Defocused Z Axis and Normal (solid) Vectors

<code>ESC</code> <code>i</code>	Defocused Z Axis and Dotted Line Vectors
<code>ESC</code> <code>j</code>	Defocused Z Axis and Dot-Dashed Vectors
<code>ESC</code> <code>k</code>	Defocused Z Axis and Short-Dashed Vectors
<code>ESC</code> <code>I</code>	Defocused Z Axis and Long-Dashed Vectors
<code>ESC</code> <code>p</code>	Write-Thru Mode and Normal (solid) Vectors
<code>ESC</code> <code>q</code>	Write-Thru Mode and Dotted Line Vectors
<code>ESC</code> <code>r</code>	Write-Thru Mode and Dot-Dashed Vectors
<code>ESC</code> <code>s</code>	Write-Thru Mode and Short-Dashed Vectors
<code>ESC</code> <code>t</code>	Write-Thru Mode and Long-Dashed Vectors
<code>FS</code>	Point Plot Mode (Ctrl-\)
<code>GS</code>	Graph Mode (Ctrl-])
<code>RS</code>	Incremental Plot Mode (Ctrl-^)
<code>US</code>	Alpha Mode (Ctrl-_)

### VT52 Mode

Parameters for cursor movement are at the end of the `ESC` `Y` escape sequence. Each ordinate is encoded in a single character as *value*+32. For example, `!` is 1. The screen coordinate system is 0-based.

<code>ESC</code> <code>A</code>	Cursor up.
<code>ESC</code> <code>B</code>	Cursor down.
<code>ESC</code> <code>C</code>	Cursor right.
<code>ESC</code> <code>D</code>	Cursor left.
<code>ESC</code> <code>F</code>	Enter graphics mode.
<code>ESC</code> <code>G</code>	Exit graphics mode.
<code>ESC</code> <code>H</code>	Move the cursor to the home position.
<code>ESC</code> <code>I</code>	Reverse line feed.
<code>ESC</code> <code>J</code>	Erase from the cursor to the end of the screen.
<code>ESC</code> <code>K</code>	Erase from the cursor to the end of the line.
<code>ESC</code> <code>Y</code> $P_s P_c$	Move the cursor to given row and column.
<code>ESC</code> <code>Z</code>	Identify → <code>ESC</code> <code>/</code> <code>Z</code> (“I am a VT52.”)
<code>ESC</code> <code>=</code>	Enter alternate keypad mode.
<code>ESC</code> <code>&gt;</code>	Exit alternate keypad mode.
<code>ESC</code> <code>&lt;</code>	Exit VT52 mode (Enter VT100 mode).