

ESS [Emacs Speaks Statistics] Reference Card for S and R

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Interacting with the S process

For use in a process buffer ‘*R*’ (*inferior-ess-mode*):

⟨RET⟩	Send a command
⟨TAB⟩	Complete filename or S object name. Also bound to M-⟨TAB⟩ (aka M-C-i).
C-c C-c	Break
C-g	interrupt Emacs’ waiting for S
C-a / C-e	Beginning / End of command
C-c C-u	Delete this command
C-c C-w	Delete last word

Command history (part of Menu ‘In/Out’)

M-p	Previous command
M-n	Next command
C-c C-l	List command history (& choose!)
C-c M-r	Previous similar command
C-c M-s	Next similar command
C-c⟨RET⟩	Copy current input
C-c C-r	Top of last output
C-c C-o	Delete last output

Hot keys

C-c C-v	Help for S object
C-c C-l	Load source file (+ error check!)
C-c C-x	List objects
C-c C-s	Display search list
C-c C-a	A ttach a directory
C-c C-d	Edit an object (d ump to file)

Others

C-c ‘	Jump to error after C-c C-l
C-c C-q	Quit from S
C-c C-z	Kill the S process

Inside S Transcripts (I + O)

Inside ESS transcript buffers, (*.Rout files):

⟨RET⟩	Send and Move
C-c C-n	Next prompt
C-c C-p	Previous prompt
C-c C-w	Clean Region (→ input only)

Sweave

M-n s	Sweave the file
M-n l	Run latex
M-n p	Postscript file
M-n P	PDF file

Editing S source

For use in **ess-mode** edit buffers, (*.R files):

⟨TAB⟩	Indent this line
M-C-q	Indent this expression (use at ‘{’)
M-C-/	Indent region
M-⟨TAB⟩	Complete filename/object
M-C-a	Beginning of function
M-C-e	End of function
M-C-h	Mark this function
C-u C-u C-y	Yank striped commands

Evaluation commands (Prefix C-u: *in/visibly*)

C-c C-l	Load this buffer – detect errors !
C-c C-n	<u>Step through code – line by line</u>
C-c C-e	Evaluate an expression
C-c C-j	Evaluate this line
C-c M-j	Evaluate this line and go
M-C-x	Evaluate this function
C-c C-f	<u>Evaluate this function</u>
C-c M-f	Evaluate this function and go
C-c C-p	Evaluate this paragraph and step
C-c C-c	<u>Evaluate this para. or function & step</u>
C-c C-r	<u>Evaluate this region</u>
C-c M-r	Evaluate this region and go
C-c C-b	Evaluate this buffer
C-c M-b	Evaluate this buffer and go

Others

C-c C-v	Help for S object
C-c C-d	“ d ump” – Edit another object
C-c C-z	Return to S process (at prompt)

Reading help files

For use in ‘*help[R](...)*’ help buffers:

SPC	Next page
DEL	Previous page
b	Previous page (‘back’)
/	Search forwards
n	Next section
p	Previous section
s	S kip (‘jump’) to a named section
s e	e.g., skip to “ Examples: ”
l	<u>Evaluate one ‘Example’ line</u>
r	<u>Evaluate current region</u>
q	‘ Q uit window
x	Kill this buffer and return (‘exit)
h	H elp on another object
?	Help for this mode
i	Display i ndex
v	Display v ignettes
w	Display current page in browser

ESS traceback

Activate and set the prefix key (a suggestion):

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(setq ess-use-tracebug t)
(setq ess-tracebug-prefix "\M-t")
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Basic commands (prefix not included):

<code>?</code>	Show key help
<code>b</code>	Set BP (repeat to cycle)
<code>k</code>	Kill BP
<code>C-n</code> , <code>C-p</code>	Goto next/previous BP
<code>'</code>	Show R Traceback
<code>e</code>	Toggle error action (cycle)
<code>d</code> , <code>D</code>	Flag/unflag for debugging
<code>w</code>	Watch window
<code>c</code> , <code>n</code> , <code>p</code> , <code>q</code>	Debugging commands
<code>0..9</code> , <code>q</code>	Recover commands

Other commands:

<code>C-x '</code> , <code>M-g n</code>	'next-error' (emacs)
<code>M-g p</code>	'previous-error'(emacs)

ESS developer

Evaluate your code into the package:

<code>C-c d t</code>	Toggle developer on/off
<code>C-c d a</code>	Add package to the dev list
<code>C-c d r</code>	Remove package from dev list