

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

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Interacting with the process

For use in a process buffers (inferior-ess-mode):

⟨RET⟩	Send a command
C-c ⟨RET⟩	Copy old input
⟨TAB⟩	Complete object or file name. Also bound to M-⟨TAB⟩, 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
C-c C-r	Top of last output
C-c C-o	Delete last output

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

Others

C-c C-v	Help for object
C-c M-l	Load source file
C-c C-x	List objects
C-c C-s	Display search list
C-c C-q	Quit from S
C-c C-z	Switch to most recent script buffer

Inside ESS Transcripts (I + O)

Inside (*.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 source files

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

⟨TAB⟩	Indent this line
M-⟨TAB⟩	Complete filename/object
M-C-/	Indent region
M-C-q	Indent this expression (use at '{')
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*)

M-C-x	Evaluate region or function or para
C-c C-c	Evaluate region or para. or function & <i>step</i>
C-⟨RET⟩	Evaluate region or line & <i>step</i>
C-c C-l	Load this buffer's source file
C-c C-j	Evaluate this line
C-c M-j	Evaluate this line and go
C-c C-f	Evaluate this function
C-c M-f	Evaluate this function and go
C-c C-p	Evaluate this paragraph and step
C-c C-r	Evaluate this region
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 object
C-c C-z	Switch to process buffer

General Commands

`ess-doc-map` (C-c C-d):

C-a, a	Apropos
C-d, d	Doc on object
C-e, e	Describe object at point (C-e or e to cycle)
C-i, i	Index
C-v, v	Vignettes
C-o, o	Demos
C-w, w	Web search (dialect dependent)

`ess-extra-map` (C-c C-e):

C-d, d	Dump object into edit buffer
C-e, e	Evaluate expression (C-u in temp buf)
C-i, i	Install package (in R) or library
C-l, l	Load package (in R) or library
C-s, s	Set indentation style
C-t, t	Build tags for directory

Reading help files

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

SPC	Next page
b, DEL	Previous page (‘back’)
n	Next section
p	Previous section
s	Skip (‘jump’) to a named section
s e	e.g., skip to “Examples:”
l	Evaluate one ‘Example’ line
r	Evaluate current region
q	Quit window
k	Kill this buffer
x	Kill this buffer and return (‘exit’)
h	Help on another object
?	Help for this mode
a	Display apropos
i	Display index
v	Display vignettes
w	Display this help in web browser

ESS traceback

Commands in ess-dev-map (C-c C-t):

?	Show key help
C-b, b	Set BP (repeat to cycle)
C-k, k	Kill BP
C-n, n	Goto next BP
C-p, p	Goto previous BP
‘	Show R Traceback (also on C-c ‘
~	Show R call stack (also on C-c
C-e, e	Toggle error action (cycle)
C-d, d	Flag for debugging
C-u, u	Un-flag debugged objects
C-w, w	Watch window
0..9, q	Recover commands

Commands in ess-debug-mode-map

(active during debugging):

M-C	Continue
M-N	Next line
M-Q	Quit
M-U	Up frame
C-M-S-c	Continue Multiple
C-M-S-n	Next Multiple

Others

C-x ‘, M-g n	‘next-error’ (emacs)
M-g p	‘previous-error’(emacs)

ESS developer

Evaluate your code into the package (in ess-dev-map: C-c C-t):

C-t, t	Toggle developer on/off
C-a, a	Add package to the dev list
C-r, r	Remove package from dev list