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Keyboard Ninja – Scrolling the Windows Command Prompt With Only the Keyboard

The Windows command prompt (**cmd.exe**) has always been known for being underpowered compared to**Linux**, but have you ever noticed that to view the output of a long command you have to resort to themouse to scroll?

You can easily scroll with just the keyboard, but to get into the "**Scroll Mode**" you'll have to use a 4-key combination that reminds me of cheat codes on old nintendo games... Up, Up, Down, Down...

Press Alt+Space together, and then E, then L

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Enable Scroll Mode on MS-DOS

This will put the command prompt into "Scroll" mode, where you can use the Page Up/Down keys as well as the arrow keys.

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Enable Scroll Mode on MS-DOS

To get out of this mode, you can hit the **Esc** or **Enter** keys.

One of the most annoying instances of this problem is when trying to view the output of the **ipconfig**command... it always stretches beyond the current page on my system... now I can finally use the keyboard.

