

tmux died and says “no sessions” - is there any way to recover?

This sucks.

12 `$ tmux attach-session`
`no sessions`

My sysadmin upgraded tmux and now I can't reattach. My processes are still running according to `ps ux`. Is there any hope of recovering my session?

3 **Update:** There's a socket in `/tmp/tmux-1234`, so I tried `tmux -L /tmp/tmux-1234/default attach`, but tmux does nothing. Hooray.

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This quickest way to determine if you can recover is:

23 `killall -10 tmux`

That will send the signal to recreate all socket files for any running tmux processes. If you're not root, no problem it will only signal your tmux process anyway.

Long story short, if tmux is not running (`ps xu | grep tmux`), you're screwed :(

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1 This works, but I was confused about *why* it works. It turns out that signal 10 is a *user-defined signal*, and `tmux` says it will "recreate the server socket on SIGUSR1". – DaoWen Jan 19 '15 at 19:47

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`tmux` is not guaranteed to be compatible across updates; ask your sysadmin to let you know before doing upgrades or use a copy you built locally that he is less likely to mess with.

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